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TURKEY SUSPICIOUS OF THREAT TO DARDANELLES

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MUNICIPAL STRIKE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day.

Municipal services were at a standstill last night as result of a strike of municipal workers for increased wages owing to the higher prices of commodities.

A number of streets were without light and only one section of the fire brigade is on duty. —Reuter.

GERMANY'S "MONROE DOCTRINE"

Berlin, To-day.

Germany's determination to apply the "Monroe Doctrine" to Central Europe "and guarantee the freedom and independence of the small states" will be stressed to Mr. Sumner Welles when he arrives in Berlin to-day.

This is the impression gained from an obviously inspired editorial in the "Berliner Zeitung" which compares Germany's present condition with that of the American colonies when they fought for their independence.

This is not the first time Germany has spoken about a European "Monroe Doctrine," but the editorial's appearance at this time is regarded as most significant. —Reuter.

BRITISH ORDER IN U.S.

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NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

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London, To-day.

INFORMATION REACHING London from Turkey says that the entire Bosphorus zone is being militarised while civilians have been completely evacuated from certain districts.

Fortifications have been built along the border of Soviet Armenia.

Turkish sentiment towards the Soviet is definitely suspicious due to the feeling that the Soviet's imperialistic policy is a mere continuation of the Tsarist tradition and Turkish trend, including a threat to the Dardanelles and the Turkish portion of Armenia.

Reviewing the general situation in the Near East, observers stress that Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Aden and Egypt constitute the base of a powerful Allied army in the Near East, and that any Soviet attack on India will be checked easily.

In addition, it is pointed out, Iran and Afghanistan are receiving a loan of about £5,000,000 from Britain.

NEW DECREES

The Bill for "the defence of national economy," just promulgated, aims at the protection and adaptation of Turkish economy to war conditions in Europe.

Henceforth the Government is empowered to take special measures to supervise consumption and industrial production to prevent speculation.

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A permanent inter-ministerial committee has been entrusted with the enforcement of the measures.

Among the first steps is a decree establishing a compulsory labour system in coal fuel industry districts.

SPECIAL BANK

A special bank is to be created with the main object of financing the Government's purchases of stocks of coal, coke and other products.

Another aim of the Government's action is to alleviate the crisis prevailing in the coal mining industry. —Hayas.

BIG FIRE IN PARIS PATHE STUDIOS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

SIX OUT OF SEVEN BUILDINGS OF THE PATHE MOVIE COMPANY'S STUDIOS AT JOINVILLE-LE-PONT, NEAR PARIS, WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENT, YESTERDAY.

Damage is estimated at 20,000,000 francs; there were no victims.

The fire broke out during the filming of "Hitler Told Me," a picture drawn from the book of the same name by the former Nazi Danish Senate chairman, Dr. Hennrich.

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NORWAY PREPARING DEMARCHE

Oslo, To-day.

PROFESSOR KOHT, the Foreign Minister, announced yesterday that Norway would make new representations to Berlin shortly against the sinking of Norwegian steamers.

The northern countries, he said, would support the protests and he hoped other neutrals would do the same.

Prof. Koht said that German semi-official warnings against sailing in British waters had nothing to do with international law.

It was vital for Norway to maintain trade with Britain, with whom Norway had had a large volume of trade from ancient time.

Prof. Koht said that Norway during the war had lost 50 ships totalling 110,000 tons, and 350 men.

They had proof that nine of the ships were sunk by the German forces while the majority of the remainder were sunk by mines.

"We don't like the contraband control and we declare that the control of vessels from one neutral port to another is contrary to international law, but this does not authorise the Germans to sink our vessels when they are forced to call at control ports."—Reuter.

SAY IT WITH "GRUB" PLAN UPSET

Amsterdam, To-day.

In connection with the new measures restricting the flow of "love gifts" of food to Germany, announced yesterday, whereby only packages between private individuals, limited to 6½ lb., will be allowed, and none from shops or firms, it is pointed out that 50,000 such packages a day have been going into Germany, and of these 70 per cent. were from shops.—Reuter.

NAZI SPIES IN BELGRADE

Paris, To-day.

According to a message from Ljubliana a vast German military and political spy ring organised in Yugo-Slavia since the outbreak of war has been discovered at Ljubliana.

The organisation is stated to have been directed by Reich Germans but the work was done by Germans in Yugo-Slavia.

Twenty-eight arrests have been made and the revelations of the leaders have caused the Slovene authorities to dissolve the German Kultur Bund in their area.—Reuter.

R.A.F. CASUALTY FIGURES

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry yesterday released the 20th R.A.F. casualty list of the war.

It contains the names of 12 officers and 30 men, of whom 7 were killed in action, 10 are missing and the rest died on active service from accidents or illnesses.—Reuter.

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NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE, SAYS MR. ANTHONY EDEN

London, To-day.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary for the Dominions, yesterday described the Empire Air Training scheme as an unparalleled effort, both in conception and in execution.

He stressed the value of the parallel scheme in Southern Rhodesia and South Africa, which was over and above the Canadian scheme.

As a result of the Empire scheme, a stream of pilots, observers and gun crews would be pouring out, to be numbered not in thousands but in tens of thousands.

The breathing space they had had in this war had been of utmost value. These months had helped to forge weapons and when those weapons are forged they will have to be used until Hitlerism and the International Gangsterism for which it stood are entirely destroyed.

There must be no compromise, for that would only mean greater dangers in a few years or even months.

Mr. Eden went on to speak about his discussions as Foreign Secretary with the present Nazi Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who was then German Ambassador in London.

THE FABLE

Ribbentrop, he said, often told him of the dangers of Bolshevism and said that if it were not for the "Nazi St. George," the Red Dragon would have swamped Britain. That fable was related in many different forms by the Germans.

"But what has happened now?" asked Mr. Eden. "The Red Dragon has taken the Nazi St. George for a ride!"

LAST PHASE

Mr. Eden said that the respite this autumn and winter had been most valuable to us for our preparations, and added: "There is in that no cause for complacency but even danger if we forget the vital lesson that in war victory in the last phase means defeat of the enemy."

"These months have helped us to forge our weapons and when the weapons are forged they will have to be used."

"Until Hitlerism and the International gangsterdom for which it stands is utterly and finally destroyed there is going to be neither se-

curity for the present nor hope for the future.

NO COMPROMISE

"Any truce, any patchwork compromise which you may try to come to now, if it ignored those stark dangers, would only confront us with greater dangers in a few months or few years hence, and then it might be too late."

"Compromise with those whose only faith is brute force, whose only methods are themselves a denial of civilisation—that way we plunge back into the Dark Ages."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AS A GREAT AIR POWER

Sydney, To-day.

Australia is fast becoming a great air power, secure from any attack, it was announced yesterday. Under the Empire scheme, the planes of the Royal Australian Air Force are being increased seven-fold.

The Australian Cabinet yesterday appointed a Commission to supervise local production and maintenance of aircraft.—Reuter.

"LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE"

Mr. Eden said: "This is a life and death struggle with a remorseless foe. Let us have no illusion about that. The Nazi system and all it stands for must go. There must be an end to the era of broken faith and political perjury must be shown to have had its day. If there is to be any future for the human race the Nazi system must go."

"For a free people no fate could be worse than servitude to Nazism. We were reluctant to take up the challenge but now we are in it we will see it through to the end. No other course is possible and to attempt anything else would be to lose the present and betray the future." — British Wireless.

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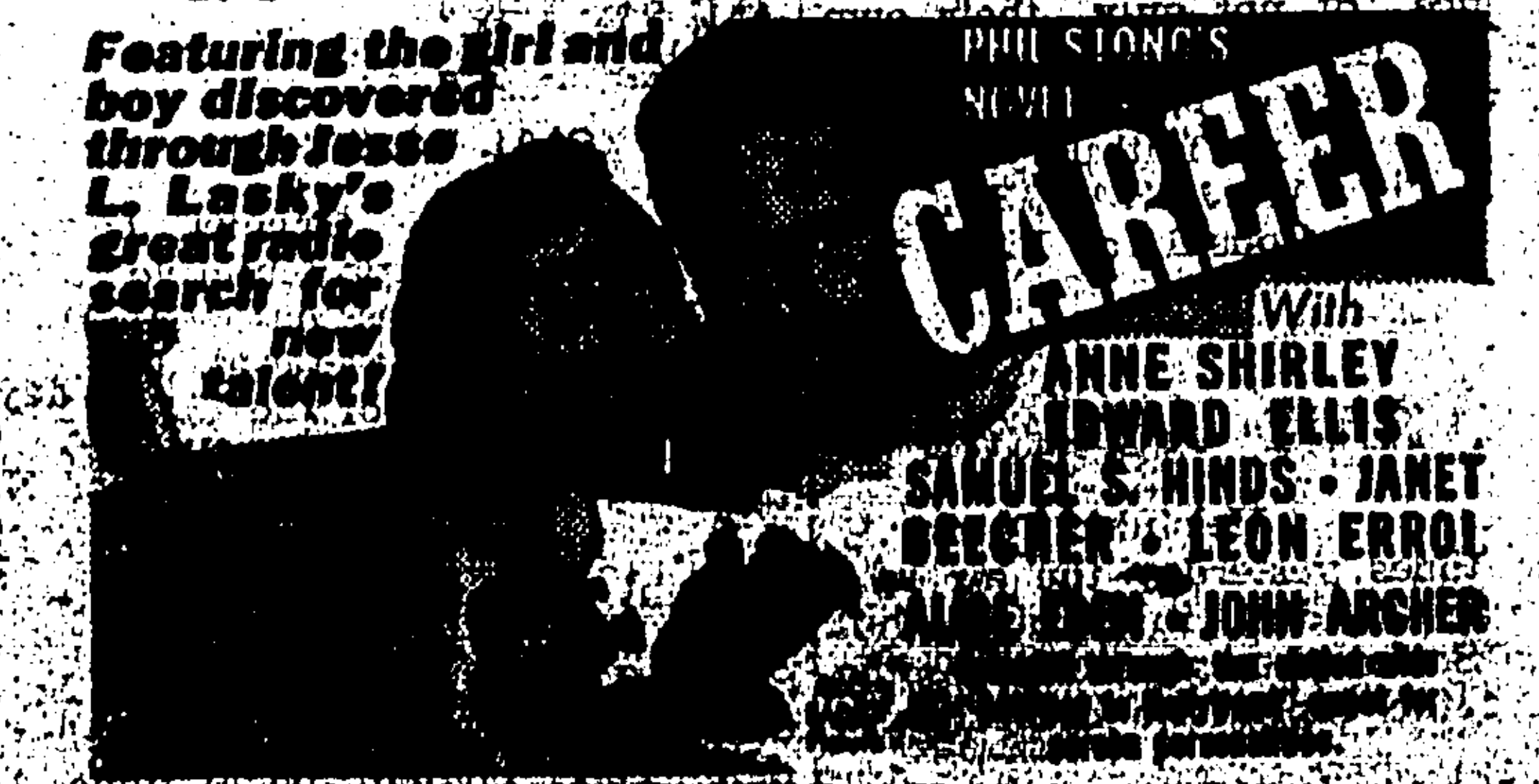
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Fighting In Depths Of Mannerheim Line

SLOW RETREAT BY DETERMINED DEFENDERS

Helsinki, To-day.

THE FIERCEST ATTACKS of the war have brought the Soviet troops to within four miles of Viborg, Finland's second largest city.

There is now intense fighting in the depths of the Mannerheim Line by the city and the Russians are pressing the attack with thousands of fresh troops and supplies.

Despite this, the Soviet advance is slow. The plucky, determined Finns are resisting with great tenacity and the Russians must suffer heavy losses before they can reach the gates of Viborg.

The country the Russians must advance across is rugged and heavily fortified and the Finns are setting up fresh defences in front of the city.

More foreign planes have arrived in Finland, and these are being used for intensive bombing of Soviet lines. They are also bombing Soviet columns trying to cross the ice on the Gulf of Finland, where many tanks and soldiers have been flung into the freezing waters.

Helsinki had two air raid alarms yesterday morning, when Soviet planes flew over the city. Anti-aircraft batteries went into action and the Soviet planes dropped no bombs. — Reuter.

Not Yet Through

Stockholm, To-day.

The Russians still have not succeeded in penetrating the Finnish defences around Viborg, according to yesterday afternoon's reports from Helsinki.

The "Aftonbladet" says that one of the long-range batteries which the Russians set up south of Summa obtained a direct hit on a church tower in Viborg.

Finnish machinegun posts yesterday continued to sweep the ice with their fire.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

In Helsinki yesterday a communique said that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued the pressure between the Bay of Viborg and Vuoksen, where our troops withdrew in some places to new positions.

The enemy suffered losses and 14 tanks were destroyed.

The Finns at Taipale repulsed three heavy attacks and also repulsed an attack north-east of Lake Ladoga.

Four tanks and an armoured car were destroyed.

At Petsamo fighting continued by the Nautsi River. — Reuter.

"Extreme Gravity"

Stockholm, To-day.

The position revealed by last night's Finnish communique is one of extreme gravity.

The Finns defending Viborg on the sea flank of the Mannerheim Line were forced to retreat before the terrific Soviet pressure. While disputing every inch of ground and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, the Finns had to withdraw along a line stretching from the Gulf of Finland to Vuoksen, half way across the Karelian Isthmus.

Around Taipale they are standing firm, but military experts here point out that this sector may be seriously threatened from the rear if the Russians break through at Viborg. The Soviet forces advancing towards Viborg now control three railway lines and four main roads leading into the city.

Neither the hoped for thaw nor the usual February snowstorms have come to the rescue of the Finns, who are desperately resisting almost incessant attacks by vastly superior forces. — Reuter.

SUCCESS NEAR KUHMO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kuhmo, To-day.

Finnish forces have taken a number of strategic points and are continuing their encircling movement. — Havas.

Severe Soviet Losses

Helsinki, To-day.

Attacking across the five miles of ice of the Bay of Viborg, the Russians suffered severe losses yesterday.

Along the railway, on the shores of the Bay, the Finns are gradually giving way under the colossal weight of mass attacks.

Latest reports indicate that the Red Army is now within three miles of Viborg at this point, and almost within sight of the suburbs. — Reuter.

Viborg In Ruins

Helsinki, To-day.

With the Russian campaign in Finland entering on its fourth month and the violent offensive on its second, the Finns to-day were holding their own against the Soviet hordes.

Viborg is still under the Finnish flag, although most of it is in ruins—partly burning, partly smouldering. Twelve Soviet divisions are pitted against the Finns in this sector, but the Russians are still some miles away. More and more Soviet troops, with material, are being massed for the attack. — Havas.

SOVIET CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.

The latest Soviet communique claims that the Russian troops are now only two kilometres south of Viborg. — Reuter.

E. F. BENSON PASSES

London, To-day.

E. F. Benson, 73-year-old author, playwright and novelist, died yesterday.

The third son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Benson wrote more than 50 historical books and novels. — Reuter.

MINERS VOTE FOR THE FINLAND FUND

London, To-day.

The Mineworkers' Federation of Britain has voted £1,000 to the Finnish people. — Reuter.

BELGIAN AIR FORCE INCREASE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Strengthening of the Belgian air force is being carried out simultaneously with strengthening of the army.

Negotiations have just been completed with America for the purchase of 150 warplanes, all bombers or observation planes. — Havas.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN COMMAND

London, To-day.

Commenting on the news that Colonel Kermit Roosevelt is to resign his commission, that of a Major, in the British Army and to volunteer to lead Britain's International Brigade in Finland, the Finnish Aid Bureau states that he is the ideal man for commanding the Brigade, which is made up of men from all over the Empire.

Colonel Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt and cousin of President Roosevelt, fought with the British and American armies in the last war. He is a naturalised British subject.

Meanwhile, the first British volunteers are on their way to Finland, where they are to be trained. All who enlist in the Brigade will be paid two shillings a day. They sign an agreement to fight in the Brigade for the duration of the war, but will be released if called on for military service by their own countries. — Reuter.

"H.K. FRIENDS OF FINLAND FUND"

Sir, — I have been instructed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Helsinki to thank all donors to the above fund for their liberal contributions, and to express the Finnish Government's appreciation of the support given by Hong Kong in spite of the many other calls on the purses for relief of distress caused by war both in Europe and China.

It is felt in Finland that the whole civilised world is with them in their struggle, and the whole Finnish Nation has made up its mind to fight to a finish for their independence, but to stem the tide much is needed both in manpower and money, and it is, therefore, hoped that their cause for the defence of not only their own country but the whole western civilisation will not be lost sight of.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. HANSEN,
Consul for Finland.

AIR RAID ALARMS

Helsinki, To-day.

Three times yesterday the air raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki, but although Soviet planes passed over the centre of the capital no bombs were dropped.

Finnish aircraft engaged the Red planes and three were shot down. — Reuter.

SWEDISH APPEAL TO AMERICA

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

PRINCE OSCAR, ELDEST BROTHER OF THE KING OF SWEDEN, LEADS A GROUP OF PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDISH CULTURE WHO HAVE APPEALED TO INTELLECTUAL LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES "TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF FINLAND SOON BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE."

The appeal says there is great danger in delay and speedy help is imperative.

Other signatories include Archbishop of Upsala, Primate of Sweden, the novelists Selma Lagerlof and Carl Hedenstam, the scientists Professors Karl Siegbann and Theodor Svedberg (all Nobel prize winners) and the world-famous economist, Professor Cassel. — Reuter.

300,000 SOVIET DEAD

ROME, TO-DAY.

A REPORT ON SOVIET LOSSES DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE RUSSO-FINISH WAR IS GIVEN BY THE HELSINKI CORRESPONDENT OF "IL MESSAGGERO."

Bullets, cold and pneumonia took the lives of 300,000 Russians, of whom one-third fell in the Karelian Isthmus, he says.

With regard to Soviet losses of war material, he quotes Finnish sources which he considers reliable to the effect that between November 31 and February 26 the Russians lost 1,288 tanks, while over 500 planes were brought down in combat and by Finnish anti-aircraft batteries. — Reuter.

U.S. LOAN TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE BILL INCREASING THE CAPITAL OF THE EXPORT AND IMPORT BANK WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR SIGNATURE YESTERDAY.

The Senate, which passed the Bill several days ago, accepted the House of Representatives' amendments permitting the use of loan funds for financing the purchase of commercial planes and forbidding loans to nations defaulting on their war debts.

The increase in the Bank's capital will enable a loan to be made to Finland. — Reuter.

FINNISH NOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

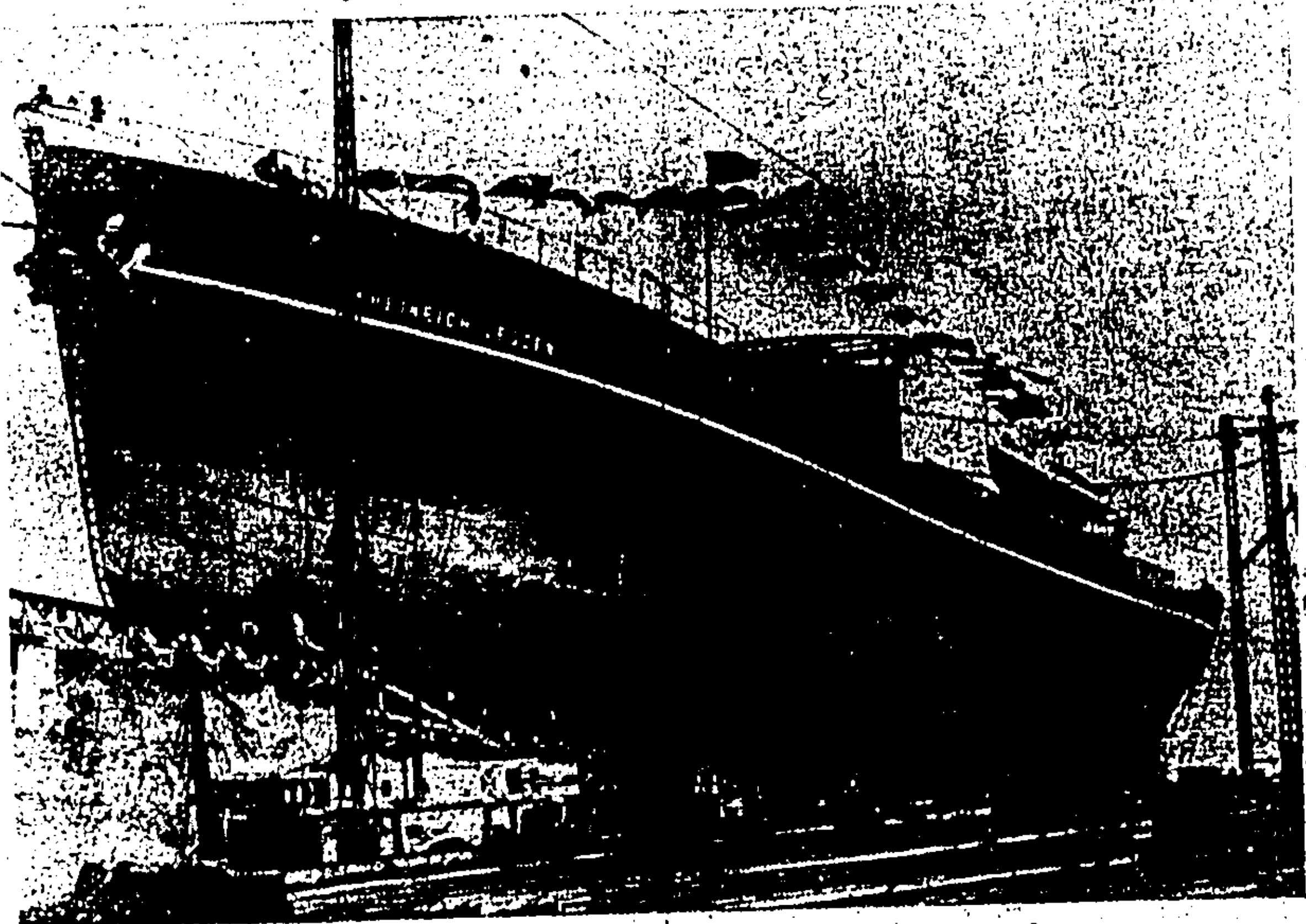
The Finnish representative to the League of Nations has sent a Note to the League Secretariat denouncing the war methods of the U.S.S.R., the methods used against civilian populations.

It is hoped that the Note will be brought to the attention of member states.

It is three pages long and gives details of the systematic bombing of defenceless civilian populations, of villages, schools and hospitals. The text will be released immediately. — Havas.



Dr. Valentine and Surgeon-Capt. Hobbs watching an ambulance unit at work at the Mok Cho-chuen Cup competition.



A fine picture of the "Heinrich Jessen," which was launched at Kowloon Docks by Mrs. Jessen, wife of the manager of Jessen and Co.

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GOERING'S WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION

Berlin, To-day.

In a General Order on the occasion of the anniversary of the foundation of the air force to-day, Field-Marshal Goering, the Air Minister, states that the German air force will not swerve from its course until the final victory is won.

"The nation is satisfied that you are the people's shield and protection against attack from the air, but at the same time the air force is a weapon of destruction against all who have criminally shattered the peace." — Reuter.

NO PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY: MR. WELLES OFF TO BERLIN TO THIS CHORUS

BERNE, TO-DAY.

MR. SUMNER WELLES SPENT YESTERDAY MORNING AT WORK AND LUNCED AT ZURICH WITH THE AMERICAN MINISTER. HE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO SEE ANYONE ELSE BEFORE HE LEFT FOR BERLIN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

It is possible that he may visit Switzerland again, after his Berlin visit, on his way through to Paris and London.

According to reports received here from Germany, the Nazi leaders are taking pains to make it clear to Mr. Welles that they will make no peace without victory.

The Berlin correspondent of a Swiss paper, tells of how the Nazi war of nerves has back-fired!

Nazi circles, he reports, deny the truth of peace plans attributed to Hitler by the London "Daily Telegraph." German circles say that these reports are false and intended to drag the German people into believing that their Fuehrer is not entirely confident of victory. — Havas.

ON WAY TO BERLIN

Zurich, To-day.

The U.S. Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, left yesterday for Berlin.—Reuter.

Italian Scepticism

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Scepticism continues to be expressed in Italian circles about the possibilities of Mr. Sumner Welles being able to find any basis for peace in Europe.

At the same time, it is hoped that better relations between the United States and Italy will result from his trip. Great interest is displayed in the fact that he will see Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano again before leaving for Washington.

The possibility of fresh economic developments is foreseen.—Havas.

INDIA'S WAR BUDGET

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

INDIA'S FIRST WARTIME BUDGET, PRESENTED IN THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, SHOWS AN INCREASE OF £6,292,000 IN INDIA'S SHARE OF DEFENCE EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF THE WAR.

The defence estimates for 1940-41 are increased to £40,140,000.

Total revenue is estimated at £69,480,000, and expenditure £69,442,000.

The finance member, Sir Jeremy Ralsman, introducing the Budget, announced a 50 per cent. increase in the excise duty on sugar and a 20 per cent. increase in the petrol tax.

It is estimated that these will produce £2,475,000.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST VETERAN EXPELLED

Paris, To-day.

The veteran Communist orator, Marcel Cachin, was expelled from the Senate yesterday by unanimous vote in conformity with the law banning Communists.—Reuter.

PALESTINE DEBATE

London, To-day.

The new regulations governing the transfers of land in Palestine (announced yesterday) will be debated in the House of Commons next Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced yesterday.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, gave notice of a motion regretting the Government's attitude.—Reuter.

PUPPET JOB REFUSED

Shanghai, To-day.

Chin Yun-peng has refused to accept the proffered post in the "North China Political Council," says the "Ta Mai Pao." Wang Keh-min, who tendered his resignation as head of the Peiping Provisional Government, declined to accept the leadership of the Council which will be inaugurated after the establishment of the Wang Ching-wei regime. — Reuter.

BRITISH PURCHASES OF ALUMINIUM

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Supply has taken over the entire output of the Canadian Aluminium Company up to the end of 1941 and that of the British Aluminium Company during 1940. The former does not include Canada's own requirements and her pre-war commitments.

There will be a big increase in output, Canada's alone being expected to equal Germany's.—Reuter.

HASLEMERE FESTIVAL FOUNDER PASSES

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of the musician and maker of old-time instruments, Arnold Dolmetsch.

Dolmetsch, who was born in France 82 years ago, was the founder of the Haslemere Festival, a festival of old music of all nationalities which is held annually in the last two weeks of July. — Reuter.

PATROL ACTIVITY

PARIS, TO-DAY.

ALL IS QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PATROL ACTIVITY WEST OF THE VOSGES AND MACHINE-GUN DUELS ACROSS THE RHINE. BAD WEATHER HAS MADE FLYING ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.

The first contingent of the Palestinian Military Pioneer Corps is now on the Western Front. It consists of 700 Arabs and Jews, and all are volunteers.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Home Forces, General Sir Walter Kirk, is now visiting the British troops in France.

British troops on the Western Front are to get 10 days' leave every six months, it is announced.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communiqué said there was nothing important to report.

There was renewed aerial activity.—Reuter.

300,000 MORE TO JOIN THE COLOURS

London, To-day.

It is estimated that another 300,000 — mostly men of 24 — will register for service in the armed forces on March 9. The last group was registered on February 17. — British Wireless.

UNIVERSITY MOVED

Shanghai, To-day.

The National Chekiang University has now been moved from Ishan, in Chekiang Province, to Chunyi in Kweichow Province, where classes have been resumed for this term, says the "Shun Pao."—Reuter.

COMMUNITY SACRIFICE FOR VICTORY

London, To-day.

During the first six months of the war, says the "Daily Telegraph" (apropos Mr. Chamberlain's warning on Wednesday of the dangers of inflationary rises in prices), no inflation has so far appeared, but it would be a grave error to infer we shall be able to maintain the present standards of consumption indefinitely.

Nothing is more difficult than to combat the vicious spiral of rising wages and costs and to prevent this every section of the community will have to bear a sacrifice.

The single exception might be the poorest, who are already at or below subsistence level.

A greater proportion will have to be borne by the high income levels.

The paper points out that those in the average £25 a week class are responsible for two-thirds of the consumption. A man must be sure that his income is below this before he can consider himself entitled to abstain from a share in the common sacrifice.—Reuter.

GERMAN ALLEGATIONS AGAINST BRITAIN

THE HAGUE, TO-DAY.

REPEATED GERMAN REPORTS ABOUT FLIGHTS BY BRITISH AEROPLANES OVER HOLLAND AT NIGHT ARE CHALLENGED IN A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

This refers to the difficulties of identifying foreign planes at night, and continues: "If, as the Germans suggest, we are to exclude the possibility that German planes may be among the foreign machines reported over Holland at night, the question arises why German planes should choose to appear over our territory only in the daytime." — Reuter.

NAZI COUNTERFEITS OF U.S. CURRENCY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

The Ministry of Interior has just been informed that false U.S. banknotes are now being circulated in Yugoslavia and Rumania. The "money" is manufactured in Germany and is intended for circulation in Italy, the Balkans and Egypt. Strict supervision has been introduced in Egypt to prevent the money spreading into that country.—Havas.

DUTCH INVENT THE PERFECT LIGHT FOR BLACKOUTS

London, To-day.

THE STRANGE PROPERTIES of a Dutch invention called the Bikker light were mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir William Brown. Sir William asked whether the Home Secretary was aware that this light renders it unnecessary to black out windows, it being possible to keep the illumination on in factories and continue work with the windows open.

Sir William said the light was being used in Holland without being seen from the air. Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, replied that his department had known of the Bikker light for months and were subjecting it to a complete test.

Sir William Brown's question arose out of a query by Mr. Rhys Davies (Labour, West Houghton), who asked if the Home Secretary was aware of complaints that some factory owners in their black-out arrangements never admit daylight through the windows. — Reuter.

"Don't Want To Fight But By Jingo If We Do"

TURKEY READY FOR WHATEVER MAY COME

Ankara, To-day.

"AFTER PREPARING intensively for the past 12 months Turkey is now ready for whatever comes," declared Dr. Rayfik Saydam, the Turkish Prime Minister, broadcasting from Ankara last night.

Stating that Turkey had spent £30,000,000 on the army in the past year, the Premier said the recent application of the Turkish emergency law had been wrongfully interpreted abroad and at home.

Rumours that Turkey had declared martial law, ordered mobilisation and was preparing for defensive or offensive moves against the Soviet Union were entirely baseless.

"Whether we enter the war will be decided only from the point of view of our national interests."

The emergency law was introduced as a precaution when external upheavals made it impossible to rely solely on the normal laws of the country.

War and mobilisation were heavy responsibilities for the statesmen of Turkey to bear, and warranted the closest consideration.

"Turkey will take these measures when her national interests and existence are vitally threatened."

RUSSIAN RELATIONS

Referring to Russia, Dr. Saydam said: "For the past six months there has been no change in our relations. We don't wish to make any moves against the Soviet and we can see no reason for the Soviet to attack us."

He added: "Our aims and purposes are quite definite. The question of our participation in the war and our foreign policy will not be influenced by any outside combination."

"The confusion and trouble reigning outside our frontiers will not, and must not, deter us from passing judgment and taking counsel with a cool head."

CRISIS AT DOOR

After warning the nation that "the crisis which covers a large part of the world is now at our door," Dr. Saydam concluded: "I know every citizen will do his duty."—Reuter.

REGENT OF HUNGARY FOR LIFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The Lower Chamber yesterday unanimously voted a Bill nominating Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary for life.

Admiral Horthy has been Regent since 1920.—Havas.

KING'S MESSAGE

London, To-day.

A signed photograph of King George and a personal message from His Majesty will be presented to Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, to-day on the 20th anniversary of the Admiral's Regency. The presentation will be made by the British Minister in Budapest. — British Wireless.

HOOVER VISUALISES STARVING EUROPE

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO A WASHINGTON TELEGRAM, EX-PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER, TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHEME FOR PROVIDING FUNDS FOR RELIEF PURPOSES IN EUROPE, SAID: "I DON'T DOUBT THAT THE WHOLE OF EUROPE WILL BE ON THE STARVATION SPOT AFTER THE WAR."

Mr. Hoover suggested an initial appropriation of from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 but made no estimate of the total costs beyond recalling that his commission for Belgian relief at the time of the Great War cost a total of \$1,200,000,000.

Mr. Hoover's plea marked his first personal appearance before a Congressional committee for 12 years.

He said the programme for European relief would in no way violate American neutrality and that such a plan should be placed on a purely humanitarian basis. He added that a minimum of 7,000,000 people needed relief in Poland.

The committee went on to consider seven bills authorising appropriations from ten to twenty million dollars for Polish relief, to be expended through the American Red Cross or whatever other agency is designated by the President.—Reuter.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES

London, To-day.

The first Hurricane fighter aircraft to be built in Canada arrived in England yesterday.

Built by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, it is the first of a series of similar aircraft which will be delivered in the near future.

The constructors form part of the group of factories carrying out orders for aircraft placed by the U. K. Government with the Dominions.

This Hurricane was built to normal British specifications and has already carried out a test flight in Canada which was satisfactory in every way. — British Wireless.

ITALY'S CLAIM IN TURKEY

Rome, To-day.

An obviously inspired statement circulated here yesterday says that Italy may claim for herself the full application of the Montreux Convention of 1936.

The Convention, subject to Turkish consent, allows the despatch of warships to the Black Sea to protect traffic.

Immediate cause of the statement is said to be an unconfirmed report that Britain has already sought Turkish permission to make such a move.

The statement declared that by the Italo-British Agreement of 1938, Italy adhered to the Montreux Convention and thereby assumed the commitments and rights of the other signatory states.

"It is evident that Italy must concern herself with the safety of her own traffic in case there are unforeseen developments in the present conflict."

"Italy could not remain indifferent to anything touching the Near East and the Balkans."—Reuter.

THE AIR ESTIMATES

London, To-day.

The Air Estimates will be taken on Thursday next when Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, will make a statement in the Commons. — British Wireless.

GERMANY CLOSING FRONTIERS

Amsterdam, To-day.

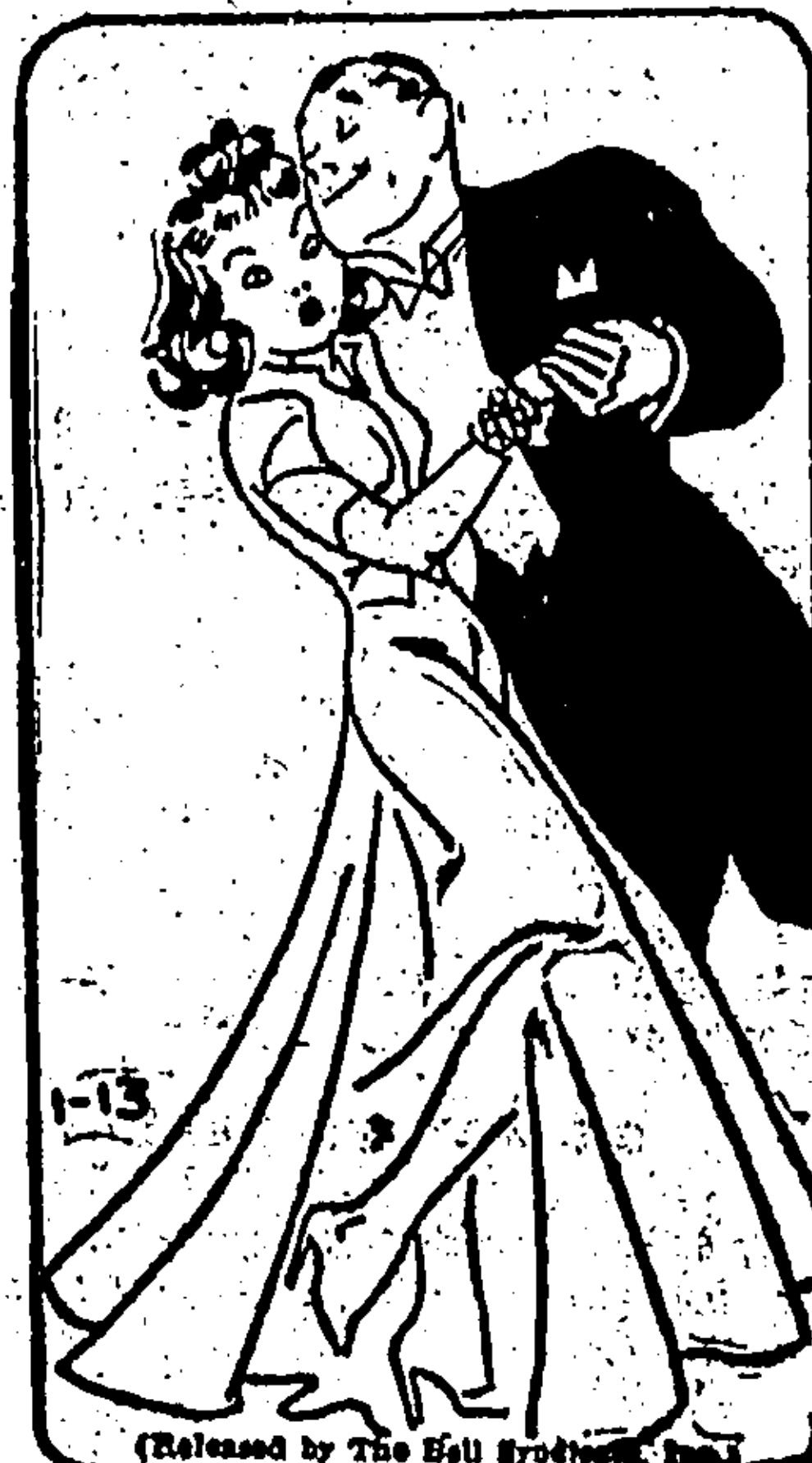
The German frontiers with Holland and Belgium will be practically closed from to-day. They will not be closed completely but movements of traffic and persons will be restricted.

Netherlanders living in Germany and now visiting Holland have been informed that the German authorities will cancel their passes unless they return to-day.—Reuter.

NEW AMBASSADOR

London, To-day.

Senor Moniz de Arago arrived yesterday to take up his appointment as Brazil's new Ambassador in London. — British Wireless.



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Lady Northcote opening the new Industrial and Social centre of the Y.M.C.A. at Tam Kung Road, Kowloon.



His Excellency the Governor declaring open the China Light and Power Company's new station at Hok Un.



Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie speaking at the opening of the China Light and Power Company's new station. On Mr. Kadoorie's left are Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. N. L. Smith.



The G.O.C. chatting with Sir Robert Kotewall at the Kotewall Cup final. On Sir Robert's left is the Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith.

M.P.s DISCUSS FAR EAST

Japanese Closure Of Pearl And Yangtse Rivers

STILL PRESSING FOR ACTION

London, To-day.

MR. R. H. MORGAN (Conservative, Stourbridge) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Pearl River and the Yangtse were yet opened to general trade as promised by the Japanese Prime Minister on Dec. 18, and if not, to what extent trade and shipping in these waters were still subjected to restriction.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply, said: "No, not yet. Present arrangements on the Pearl River allow for one British ship a week to visit Canton.

"As regards the Yangtse, the river is still closed to third power shipping above Kiangyin, while below this point British vessels are operating under certain difficulties, which have been brought to the notice of the Japanese authorities."

Mr. Morgan then asked what steps were taken to secure the re-opening to British shipping of the inland waters of China in the Yangtse Delta other than the Yangtse itself, and whether British vessels were now able to ply freely along the accustomed routes.

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said: "Lord Halifax is calling for a report on the present position on these waterways." — Reuter.

MODERNISED INDIAN ARMY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO PARLIAMENT THAT ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO £24,000,000 SHOULD BE MADE TO MEET THE CAPITAL COST OF MODERNISING THE DEFENCE FORCES IN INDIA OVER FIVE YEARS.

One quarter of this sum will be treated as a loan to India.

Sir Hugh O'Neill, Under-Secretary for India, announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, said the recommendation was devised to meet the cost of modernising the forces in India as recommended by the committee under the chairmanship of Lord Chatfield, which investigated Indian Army conditions last year. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

At Commons question time Sir Hugh O'Neill, Under-Secretary for India, stated: It is the intention of the British Government that this modernisation should be proceeded with during the war insofar as strategic priorities and considerations of supply permit. In the conditions brought about by the war we have reconsidered the whole field of the financial arrangements with the Government of India in respect of defence expenditure.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS

The respective Governments propose that the Indian budget should provide during the war for first the normal cost of India's pre-war forces, whether employed in or outside India, adjusted from time to time in accordance with the trend of prices, and, secondly, the cost of special defence measures undertaken by India in Indian interests during the war. In addition, the contributions recommended by the Garron Tribunal will be made towards the extra cost of certain troops while employed outside India and all defence expenditure over this amount incurred by the Government of India will be met by the British Exchequer. The annual grant in aid of military expenditure for Indian revenues, made in accordance with the recommendations of the Chatfield Committee, will be continued and stabilised for the duration of the war at the 1939 level of £2,000,000. — British Wireless.

CIVIL DEFENCE BILL

London, To-day.

The cost of civil defence is well over £100,000,000, declared Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security, in a special interview with Reuter's correspondent yesterday.

The civil defence forces number 1,250,000 men and women of all ages and classes, he added. Only one in six receives any reward for his or her services. — Reuter.

TEAR GAS IN SHANGHAI BUS RIOT

Shanghai, To-day.

Italian troops were called out yesterday to the garages of the China General Omnibus Company following the strike of the employees.

Some 15 employees were injured when the Italian troops used tear-gas bombs to prevent the employees from storming the offices.

A few shots were fired and it is reported that some of the strikers were wounded.

The incident occurred when the strikers attempted to storm the offices to demand audience with the management. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS AT TSINGTAO

London, To-day.

SIR A. N. STEWART-SANDEMAN (Conservative, Middleton) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Prime Minister was aware that wharfage facilities at Tsingtao were still denied British vessels by the Japanese, and that the only wharf nominally placed at foreign disposal had been occupied by the Japanese or had been unusable in bad weather owing to its exposed position.

This deliberate obstruction of British trade, he said, had continued for nearly a year, and he asked whether the Japanese Government had made any serious attempt to end the grave injury to British trade and prestige.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply, said that up to March 25, 1939, third power shipping had to work cargo at the open anchorage outside the harbour. On that date a wharf and two berths were opened but had no godown accommodation and were most exposed in bad weather.

BERTHS MONOPOLISED

In addition to these difficulties all berths were monopolised by Japanese shipping for three months last year, ending at about the end of October.

Since then British ships had again been able to use the wharves and a third berth was made available from January 13.

Mr. Butler added that the situation still leaves much to be desired from the point of view of British shipping, but it would be observed that there had recently been some improvement and the matter would continue to be pressed as opportunity offered. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH U.S.

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

"WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO OUR AIMS IN CHINA," SAID MR. ARITA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

He added: "Fortunately the situation has not yet reached a stage in which the United States completely denies our right to establish a new order in East Asia."

"The United States Government has often charged this country with violating the Nine-Power Treaty but that view has never been recognised by Japan."

"If America tries to make us concede that point by force, then there will be a conflict between the two nations." — Reuter.

KEEPING CLEAR OF UTOPIANISM

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss newspaper "National" says it is noteworthy that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in his speech on Saturday, emphasised that the Franco-British bloc was not a mere temporary fusion of interests but rather that the Allies' intensive political and economic collaboration was intended to endure after the war and become the foundation of a new Europe.

This indicates a break with the principle of the balance of power and rejection of isolation from the Continent. It is an indication of the healthy realistic spirit of British policy, and that already at the beginning of the war the principle of federation is taking concrete shape and is being kept clear of utopianism.

Mr. Chamberlain's recognition that France and Britain must establish a lasting union before a united Europe can emerge may prove of historic importance. — Reuter.

KAFFIRS ACTIVE ON LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Kaffirs strongly advanced throughout yesterday's session of the Stock Exchange as a result of the South African budget statement.

Gilt-edged securities benefited from late quiet investment demand but industrials were irregular.

Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

BUSINESS AND THE GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister badly miscalculated public feeling when he so scornfully dismissed the proposal to strengthen his War Cabinet by bringing in a Minister with economic interests. He turned no votes and, his arguments being what they were, he allayed no outside disquiet. This is an unusual thing. When the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer act together to rebut a case they are generally impressive enough to push it on one side for a time at least. The debate of February 1 had the opposite effect. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce is a body extremely well-disposed towards the Government, and ready, often over-ready, to accept official assurances at their face value. But in this matter it is unrepentant, and with the Liverpool and Lancashire Chambers of Commerce it is renewing, with greater vigour than before, the demand for a Minister in the War Cabinet who shall be primarily concerned with the war-time requirements of trade. Much the same is true of the press, which, almost without exception, had joined in the criticisms of the Government's organisation of the economic side of the war. The papers, whether sympathetic or unsympathetic to the Government, still hold to their views. Can everybody really be wrong and only Mr. Chamberlain and Sir John Simon right?

What gave Mr. Chamberlain his dialectical advantage in the Commons debate was the lack of unity on the alternatives proposed. The Labour party did not handle its opportunity well; it got bogged in questions of machinery and lost sight of the main point, a point whose negative side Mr. Amery put well when he said:

Some of us at any rate feel that we are still in substance living under the same general kind of organisation as we were in time of peace, under an organisation which militates against foresight and broad perspective, clear planning, and prompt and decisive execution, a system which tends not to act in time.

The Manchester speeches reflected this feeling, and if the members of the chamber see the matter primarily from the angle of Lancashire's exports it is because that is the angle they know best. Nor is their view distorted on this account. They hope great things from the Export Trade Council (and the more because of their confidence that its secretary, Mr. Street, is one who will not co-operate with a window-dressing body without power and effectiveness.) Can we have confidence in a War Cabinet dominated by the Services, to which the President of the Board of Trade is only admitted when the other members want to take his advice, and in which the head of the Treasury is the only continuous link with the country's economic organisation?

It is a demand that could be met without creating the economic dictator or superman who, Mr. Chamberlain pretended, would overshadow his own authority. It would be a simple enough matter to put the President of the Board of Trade in the War Cabinet, extending, of course, his powers through readjustments in his duties and his association with other economic departments. There would be no revolutionary disturbance in this and no serious conflict with present vested interests, Treasury and other. This solution would probably go far to reassure business opinion. Possibly also it would be the change Mr. Chamberlain could most easily make. From many points of view, however, it is

not an ideal expedient, and the discussions of the last few weeks have shown must strengthening of support for a more radical change—for the creation of a real War Cabinet, accompanied by a reorganisation or regrouping of the outer Ministries. Those with close knowledge of the working of the War Cabinet system of 1917-18 have given their backing to this concentration of final power in the hands of a small untrammelled executive, surrounded by closely co-ordinated groups of departments. We shall probably find our way to it when we have had some more painful experiences of Mr. Chamberlain's patchwork system. But time presses. Highly critical decisions lie ahead of us—on the mobilisation of man-power, on war finance, on prices and wages, on the stimulation of exports, and on the deliberate restriction of civil consumption. The Chancellor declares that these are "excessively obvious and elementary matters" on which the Cabinet has been "to a quite considerable extent instructed and assisted. That may be so, but it is because it has been possible for the Government to fumble with the "excessively obvious and elementary" for five months that the present Cabinet machine stands condemned.—"Manchester Guardian."

FINLAND'S FIGHT

The Finnish Command has issued a sober summary of Russian losses. Omitting many doubtful cases, it is estimated with certainty that the Red Air Force has lost 327 aeroplanes. The statement does not add that the Finns started the war with fighter aircraft to be numbered more conveniently by tens than by scores, which makes their achievement all the more brilliant. It also justifies some optimism about their prospects if reinforced by even a moderate number of such aircraft. Russian casualties in personnel are not mentioned. The totals are of course unknown, and it is not probable, owing to the nature of the fighting and the intense cold, that prisoners represent a large proportion of them. But the members of the British Labour Delegation who have just returned from the theatre of war have convinced themselves, after careful examination of evidence, that the Red Army's losses in men have been almost fantastically large by comparison with those of the defence.

Sir Walter Citrine, who has had ample opportunity for forming an opinion, stated on his arrival in this country that in his view none of the claims made by the Finnish Command was exaggerated, that he had been deeply impressed by the intelligence and competence of the Finnish leaders, and that so far it had been possible to give the fighting troops fairly frequent relief and repose. He also expressed the view that if all the aircraft promised to Finland from outside sources could be sent there was every prospect that she would be enabled to gain command of the air. He went on to remark, however, that the rate of dispatch should be quickened. He had been told that the Finns had a considerable number of pilots and ground personnel available, so that if they received the aircraft they could fly them. He added that they also required heavy artillery, which is more difficult to provide and more difficult still to transport. That the Finnish need is urgent, and that every opportunity should be seized to ensure that it is speedily met, is a refrain that cannot be repeated too often. Warfare to-day extends beyond the boundaries of nations, the ranks of belligerent armies, and the battlefields on which they are arrayed, into the realm of ideas. A blow struck for an idea affects us even though the arm which delivers it does not belong to our forces. The idea for which Finland is fighting is that of liberty, for which we too have taken up arms. In this sense the Finnish campaign concerns us very deeply.—"The Times"

PEACE TALK IN LONDON: WILL SOVIET REST WITH THE CAPTURE OF VIBORG?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS IN RESPONSIBLE NEUTRAL QUARTERS IN LONDON TO-DAY THE FEELING EXISTS THAT THE FINNISH WAR HAS ENTERED A STAGE FRAUGHT WITH SUCH OBVIOUS DANGER FOR MANY NATIONS THAT ALL MUST NOW BE CONSTRAINED TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION BEFORE WORSE BEFALLS.

In their opinion a slight ray of hope arises from the fact that the Russians, being at the gates of Viborg, have actually secured the greater part of the territorial concessions which they demanded of Finland in the first place, with the exception of the port of Hango, and hence could well afford to offer the Finns a peace that would preserve their independence.

SHOTS FIRED AT MYSTERY CRAFT

Three rifle shots were yesterday fired at a mysterious motor-boat which attempted to go alongside a naval oil-tanker, at the Kowloon Naval Dockyard.

An attempt to follow the boat, which disappeared in the direction of Yaumati, was made by Indian Constable Mir Dad (No. 197) who after failing to obtain an answer to his challenge, fired the shots at the motor-boat.

At 2.30 a.m. yesterday while on duty, the Indian constable saw the boat approaching the oil-tanker which was berthed alongside the jetty.

He challenged the boat but no reply was given. As the boat continued on, he fired three shots at it, the last hitting and putting out the bow light.

The boat then turn round and made off in the direction of Yaumati.

The constable attempted to follow it on foot but was unsuccessful.

The authorities have not yet been able to trace the boat, the colour of which was said to be blue.

THIEF CUTS PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Awakened by the sound of glass crashing, Mr. C. H. Windsor, who was sleeping in the rear of his jewellery shop at No. 56, Nathan Road, this morning reported that a thief had cut a hole into one of his show windows and escaped with two watches, valued at \$142.

Rushing out, Mr. Windsor saw a Chinese running into Mody Road.

A hole, five inches in diameter, was cut in the show window.

PRIME MINISTER AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The Prime Minister was received in audience by the King to Buckingham Palace last evening. — British Wireless.

The "China Mail" regrets the insertion of the incorrect text in the Bridge article in yesterday's morning editions, the correct text was printed in the afternoon.

As has already been stated in London, Britain has made no offer of mediation since hostilities began. Neither, it is understood, has France.

On the other hand, the Governments of Denmark, Norway and Sweden are believed to be prepared to mediate if there is the least sign of success, and it is recalled that President Roosevelt made an effort to achieve a peaceful settlement just before the Russian invasion began.

PEACE INDIVISIBLE

President Roosevelt is known to hold the view that peace is indivisible, and in sending Mr. Sumner Welles to test the chances of peace, he was not thinking only of the war between Germany and the Allies.

It is pointed out that an opportunity for an expression of Washington's hopes occurred when M. Molotov (the Soviet Foreign Commissar) and other Soviet Foreign Office officials entertained the American Ambassador and his staff for three and a half hours in Moscow on Wednesday.

It is considered likely, however, that President Roosevelt will await Mr. Welles' return to Washington before indicating what prospects, if any, exist for the restoration of peace to Europe as a whole. — Reuter.

NAZIS AGAIN WARN NEUTRALS

THE HAGUE, TO-DAY.

A warning to neutrals not to accept British navicerts was issued by the German Legation here yesterday.

The Nazi statement runs: "Through the system of navicerts the Allies are trying to involve neutrals in the war.

"Some neutrals seem to be toying with the idea that it may be advantageous to them to accept the system and thereby keep their ships out of the danger zone.

"But if they accept the system the German Government would find itself faced with a new situation in which it would act with energy.

"A neutral country accepting navicerts is recognising the British blockade measures which are contrary to international law. There exists for Germany no certainty that ships with navicerts will not unload their goods at enemy ports." — Reuter.

TURKEY DENIES ORDER TO SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANKARA, TO-DAY.

Officials yesterday denied that all Turkish steamers on the high seas or in foreign ports had been ordered to return home immediately. — Havas.

NAZI CAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The "Daily Express" gives three reasons for the passivity of the German anti-aircraft batteries during recent British flights over Germany:—

Firstly, the Germans are reluctant to reveal the exact position of their well-equipped anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights and prefer to reserve them for the day when Britain launches massive air attacks against Germany;

Secondly, the anti-aircraft guns would disturb work in factories; and

Thirdly, the German authorities wish to avoid the moral effect of anti-aircraft fire on the population. — Havas.

THAT NAVAL 'BATTLE'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE HAGUE, TO-DAY.

It is officially announced that the heavy gunfire heard off the Netherlands coast on Wednesday night (reported yesterday), was due to exercises of the Dutch navy in conjunction with coastal batteries.

The "engagement" lasted for about an hour and the flash of guns from the sea could be clearly seen by watchers ashore. — Havas.

HE SHOT AN ARROW INTO NUMBER TEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Joseph Green, the man who shot an arrow through a window of No. 10, Downing Street, the Prime Minister's residence, was bound over at Bow Street police station yesterday.

It was stated that the message tied to the arrow contained a reference to the social credit policy. — Reuter.

BEHIND SCENES IN MOSCOW

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

The Finnish war is already having a serious effect on life in Russia, according to reliable information reaching here.

It is stated that food prices have soared in Moscow and the queues outside the shops are reported to be the largest seen for many years.

It appears that while bread is not lacking there is a shortage of most other foodstuffs, while vodka, which the working-man regards as a necessity, is almost unobtainable.

A cordon has been drawn round Moscow at a radius of 80 miles, and only party officials or travellers on urgent business are allowed to pass.

TRAVELLERS SEARCHED

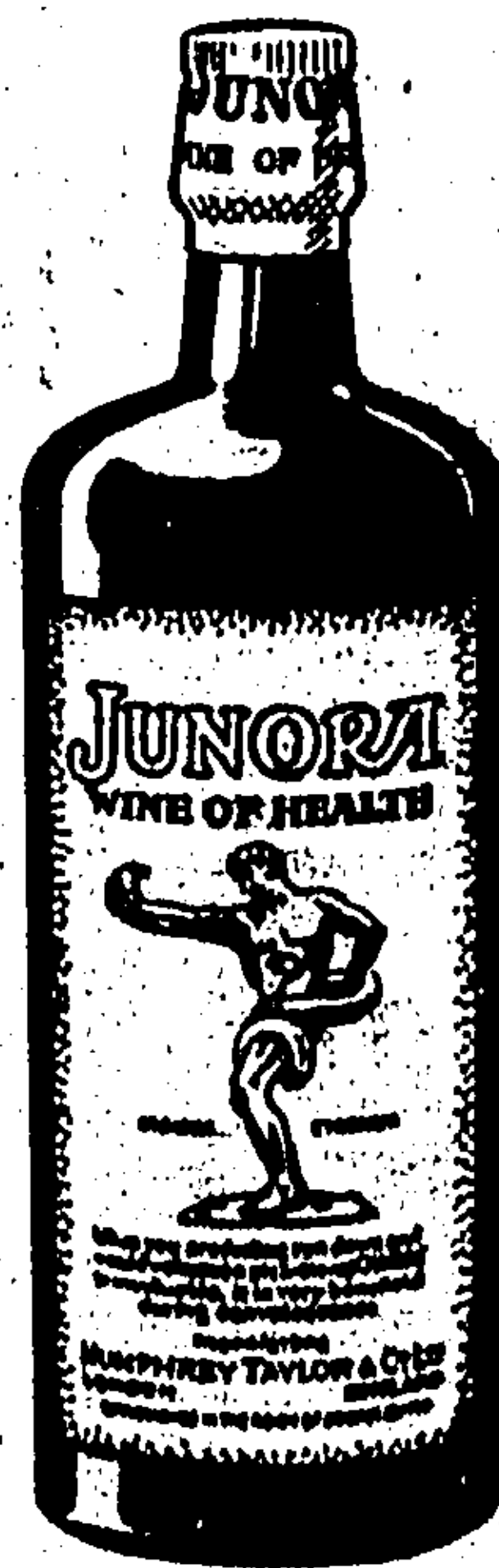
It is added that nobody may leave Moscow carrying any large quantity of provisions, and intending travellers are carefully searched at the station or on the train.

An active campaign is being waged against the hoarding of food, oil and other commodities. — Reuter.

"AN OLD FRIEND" RETURNS!

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ALLIES, GERMANY AND SCANDINAVIA

LOOKING FOR AN IRON CROSS?

Berlin, To-day.
Werner Hartmann, a U-boat commander, has returned from a long-distance cruise in which he claims to have sunk 45,000 tons of shipping.
He further claims that in two raids he sank 80,000 tons of shipping.—Reuter.

DIFFERENT METHODS

Stockholm, To-day.
A contrast between German and British methods of sea warfare is given by the Swedish paper "Handels-Tidning," of Gothenburg.

The paper says that it is clearly recognised by neutrals that the British methods of sea warfare, from humanitarian standpoints, are quite different from those of the Germans. Submarine warfare as practised by Germany is a war of destruction, without regard for life.

The paper points out that the Germano-Swedish trade agreement provides for normal trade relations for Sweden with other countries.

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE "GOTHENBURG TRADE AND SHIPPING GAZETTE" SAYS: "MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ON THE ALLIES' WISH THAT THE NORTH BE INVOLVED IN THE WAR. GERMAN PROPAGANDA HELPS THIS.

"Sweden and Norway would be dissatisfied if the Allies declared they would never enter the northern war centre, giving the Russians and Germans the freedom of the Baltic.

"German propaganda blames London and Paris for the Polish massacres. If Germany had been let alone, the Poles would have been enslaved without massacres.

"London is blamed when a U-boat sinks a neutral ship and for the Russian massacres of civilians in Finland, because Britain dissuaded the Finns from capitulating to Moscow. Thus the aggressor is always right.

"The Allies' position towards the North will be decided by the North itself. Probably later the Allies will be blamed for their insufficient help to Finland like the Czechs and Poles.

NORTHERN BRAKE

"The fact is that the Northern countries have braked the Allies.

"Swedish caution is the Allies' best excuse for not helping Finland.

The Swedes dissuaded Finland from going to Geneva, and did not believe the Allies' promises of help.

The Finns knew better than the Swedes, and Allied help is now significant, thanks to Geneva.—Reuter.

The paper asks:—"How can we expect to observe this when Germany does not consider herself bound by it?" — Reuter.

ITALIAN COAL MINE DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
Sixty miners were killed and over 100 injured following a gas explosion 920 feet below the surface of the earth in the Arsa coalfields near Pola yesterday. Darkness and gas are considerably hindering the work of rescuers, and it is feared the death toll will be higher.—Havas.

ALTMARK INCIDENT LOSING ITS "ACUTENESS"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS THAT IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN LONDON THE DIPLOMATIC ISSUES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND NORWAY OVER THE CASE OF THE ALTMARK ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE LOST THEIR ACUTENESS.

Britain is considering its reply to the last Norwegian Note, but there is only one point at issue, namely, interpretation of the clause in the Hague Convention providing for the "innocent passage" of belligerent warships through territorial waters.

Norway regards the Altmark as a warship which was free to travel through territorial waters, while the British maintain that the fact that she was transporting prisoners made her passage through territorial waters an act of war, and therefore inadmissible, and that either the Altmark should have been refused admission to territorial waters or the prisoners should have been released.

There is no reason to doubt the good faith of the Norwegian Government when it declared it was not aware of the presence of the prisoners.

The Norwegian suggestion of arbitration raises difficulties which seem not easy to surmount. — Reuter.

END OF MINE LAYING TO BE SOUGHT

Oslo, To-day.

Norway, Denmark and Sweden have decided to ask the belligerents to stop laying mines. The requests will be made separately by each country, and the Norwegian Foreign Office is now preparing the Norwegian application.

Announcing this yesterday, Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, pointed out that Norway so far has lost 50 ships, totalling 110,000 tons, while 350 Norwegian seamen have lost their lives. Of the 50 ships, 9 were torpedoed, 33 were mined and the cause for the other 8 was not known.

Most of the 33 ships were lost in waters outside those where minefields had been announced.

Dr. Koht said that although Norway did not like the British contraband control policy, she could not accede to Germany's advice to cut off ship-

GERMANY ADMITS TERRORISM

Berlin, To-day.

For the first time, Germany has officially admitted her campaign of terror against neutral shipping.

In a broadcast from Berlin, the announcer complained that the British figures for sea losses failed to include neutral losses!

He went on:—

"This attempt to evade the actual losses disregards the sole aim of German naval warfare, namely, to put out of action all merchant shipping being used in the service of the enemy and to cut off shipping communication with England.

"This has been done and is being done with every ship carrying contraband to England, regardless of nationality."

The announcer, however, failed to mention that the Nazi sea-warfare extended to peaceful neutral ships plying between neutral ports and trading among themselves.—Reuter.

TRAINING YEMENITES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

An Iraqi military mission is going to the Yemen shortly to participate in the re-organisation of the Yemenite army.—Havas.

ping with Britain. Germany was not justified in sinking Norwegian ships which touched at British contraband control ports. — Reuter.



CAN YOU HEAR ME, MOTHER?—The first batch of B.E.F. arrived in London on Feb. 4, leave having been resumed after the recent cancellation. An amusing picture at the station when there was a raid on the phone boxes. The soldier waiting his turn evidently enjoyed the joke. (Copyright, Fox).

News Snack Bar

HITLER PURGES OFFICIALS WHO MUDDLED FOOD & RAIL

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.

BETWEEN TWENTY and thirty Nazi officials have been dismissed from their posts and taken into custody, it is learned from a reliable source.

They are being made responsible for the chaotic conditions existing in Germany following the great freeze, which shows new signs of becoming intensified.

These officials administered the German transport and food plans. It is said against them that they gravely neglected their duties, with the result that parts of Germany are now facing the most serious famine since 1918.

2D TIP FOR ARMY COOK

Lt.-Gen. Sir Guy Williams, G.O.C. Eastern Command, speaking on Army welfare in London yesterday, said that a newly-joined Army class recruit in one of his training camps was so appreciative of Army food that, after his first meal, he left 2d under the plate.

Gracie Raised £14,000

Gracie Fields's radio appeal for voluntary hospitals has brought in £14,000—and it is expected that the donations will soon reach £20,000.

Shops Painted

A number of shops—including large stores in the main shopping centre of Leicester—had the word "Jew" painted on their windows during the black-out.

Clock Parachute

A Soviet military factory, it is claimed, is producing an amazing new invention—a "clock parachute" which opens automatically at a fixed height and time regardless of the position of jumper in the air.

The invention is a light, portable apparatus and can be attached to an ordinary parachute. It is of particular value in the instruction of beginners. Three hundred test jumps have been made with it without a hitch.

The inventors, three brothers named Doronin, have been awarded Government honours.

Many more officials are expected to be sacked as a result of the situation. The Amsterdam Handelsblad correspondent in Berlin to-night stated: "German people are saying that they would not like to stand in the shoes of the men responsible for the famine."

He instances blunders that have been made. In the Rhineland not a potato—with bread the staple food of wartime Germany—is to be had. The supplies have to come from Pomerania, 600 miles away. They have not arrived.

In parts of rural Germany pigs have had to be slaughtered in thousands because there are no foodstuffs for them. Potato storage in many cases has been so careless that the frost has destroyed them.

Plans for getting coal to Berlin and other big cities have been hopelessly inadequate. In the German capital coal supplies are more than 50 per cent. less than at a normal winter time. But there is no shortage of coal in Germany. It cannot be brought to the capital from the mines.

There is reason to believe that Hitler personally intervened to have arrested the officials who have bungled the plans.

Culture Under The Nazis

DR. LEY continues to express Germany's "just aspirations," which her enemies are trying to thwart, in his usual crude way.

"A lower race," he said, "needs less room, less clothing, less food and less culture than a higher race. The German cannot live under the same conditions as the Pole or the Jew." The war must give Germany the foundations on which to build the life that its race and blood demand. "More bread, more clothes, more living room, more culture and more beauty! These our race must have, or it dies." (Angriff, 31st January).



"Petit Parisien"

"To make it look like a surprise, what about waiting till April 1?"

DANGER PAY FOR SEAMEN

"Hard-lying" money—an allowance to seamen on exceptionally difficult, uncomfortable or dangerous service—is to be paid at full rates to the personnel of mine-sweeping and anti-submarine trawlers.

This was announced by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty.

The allowances will be credited as from the outbreak of war.

Labour Under The Nazi Heel

A confidential report from inside Germany declares that compulsory labour in the West Wall has a punitive character. Refractory workers sent there are referred to as the "Ley troop." The rumour is rife that more workmen "fall" on the West Wall than soldiers at the front. There are penal companies there, and S. S. firing squads.

"Crime" In The Protectorate

In Leitmeritz a shoemaker and a mason have each been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for listening to a news bulletin from London on the 8th September 1939. They had been in custody since the 9th September (Neue Tag, 29th January). They pleaded that while listening to the Deutschlandsender programme they fell asleep, and when they awoke a foreign station had come through in its place.

Italy And The War

Times of Malta emphasises the common interest of Italy and the Allies in "keeping out of the Mediterranean the illegal methods of German sea warfare, employed so ruthlessly in the Baltic and North Sea."

"At no time, not even during the early Nyon negotiations was Italy shaken in her conviction that as a great Mediterranean Power she should co-operate on terms of equality with Britain and France. . . ."

Hitler Gives Franco

A Military Car

Hitler has given a military motor-car to General Franco, the Spanish dictator.

The car has eight speeds and six independent wheels and can go up gradients of 1 in 2.

Hitler presented Mussolini with a similar type of car.

Home On Leave— Summoned For Rates

A sailor home on forty-eight hours' leave had to spend two hours of it sitting in a police court to answer a summons for arrears of rates.

When Stoker A. G. Paxton's name was called at Brentford the chairman asked: "What is the sailor doing here?"

Stoker Paxton: I have only forty-eight hours' leave, sir. I never thought I should have to spend the morning here.

Paxton's case took less than a minute. He was told that under the Emergency Powers Act he could apply for relief, and was advised to write to the council.

Canada's War Effort

"Viewed from this side of the Border," says the Washington Star, "our Northern neighbour has rendered yeoman account of itself since it determined to play its full part in the Empire's struggle for existence and against Nazi aggression. Already, Canada is spending one million dollars a day in that effort. She championed and adopted the great Imperial air training scheme. She sent without delay a fully equipped divisional field force to the Western front. She has conveyed shiploads of men and munitions into the war zone. She is busily creating airfields, manufacturing war materials, and training a new army."

Social Justice In The War

The subsidy of £50 millions a year to keep food prices down (writes Britannicus), has been the subject of much economic argument, but its general social and political significance has been given less attention that it deserves.

In this light the subsidy must be seen as the latest war-time addition to the British process of taking income from the rich and well-to-do and giving it to the poor and needy.

Over-zealous enthusiasts have convinced themselves that the subsidies given by the British Exchequer in order to keep down the prices of staple foods are a cure for inflation. No such claim has been made for them by the Chancellor of the Exchequer or other members of the Cabinet. They are no more a cure for inflation than bringing down a man's temperature with an ice pack would be a cure for a feverish disease.

It is sometimes necessary to treat symptoms. But they are not to be confused with causes. The cause of inflation is always the same thing—the existence of a larger flow of incomes being spent than the simultaneous flow of goods and services available for them to buy. The pressure of money against goods then inevitably forces up prices, this being the main symptom of inflation.



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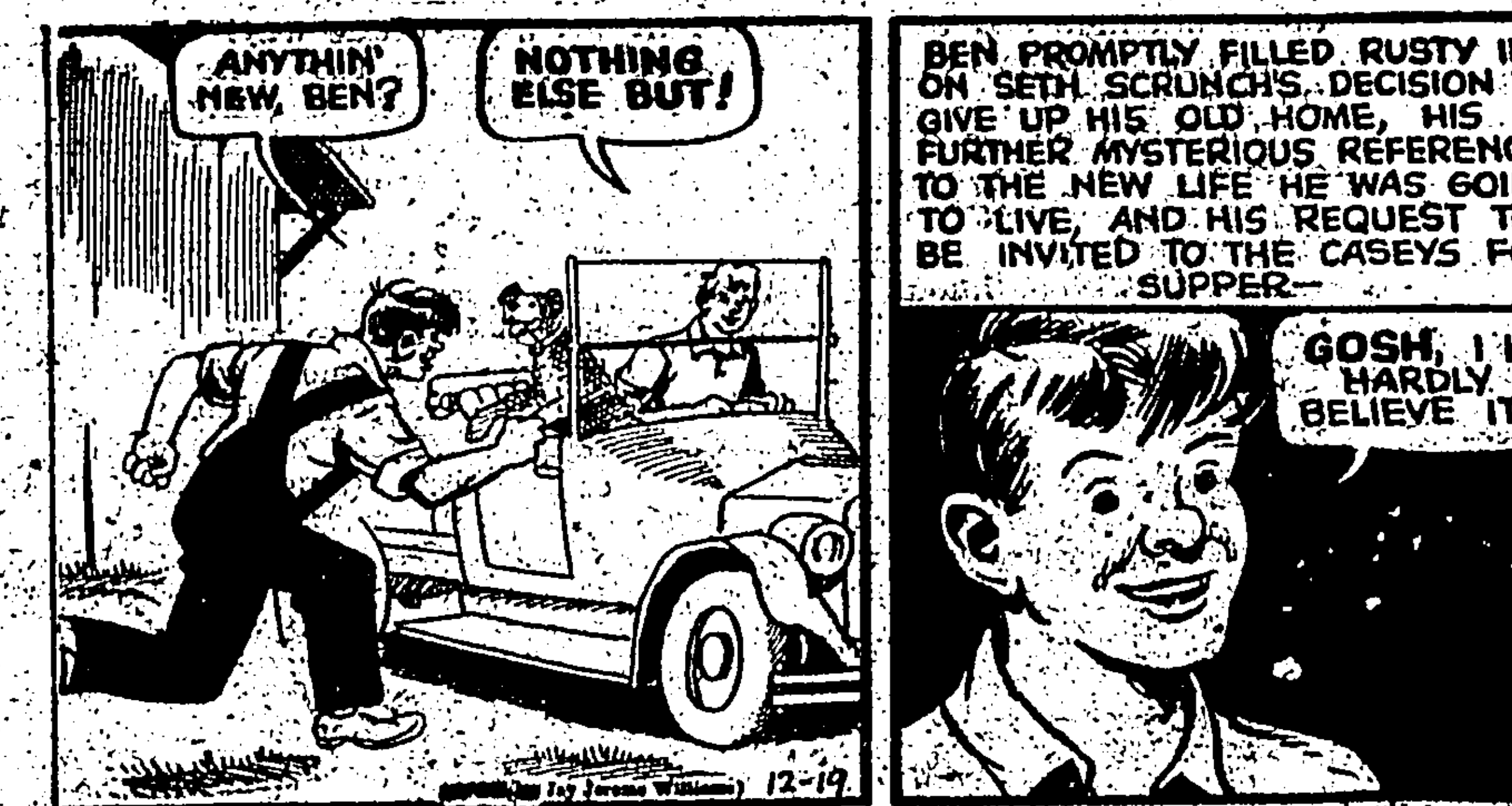
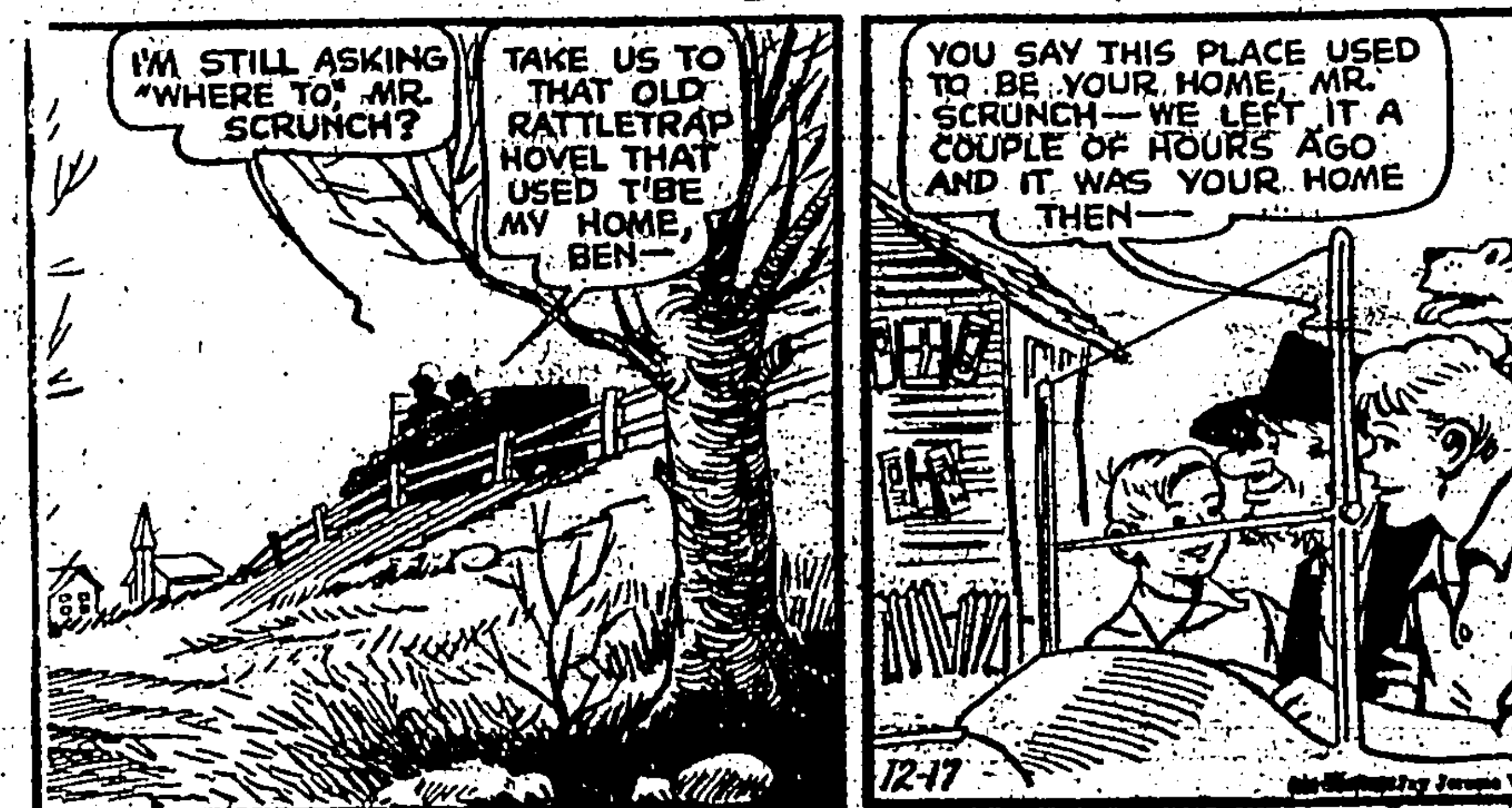
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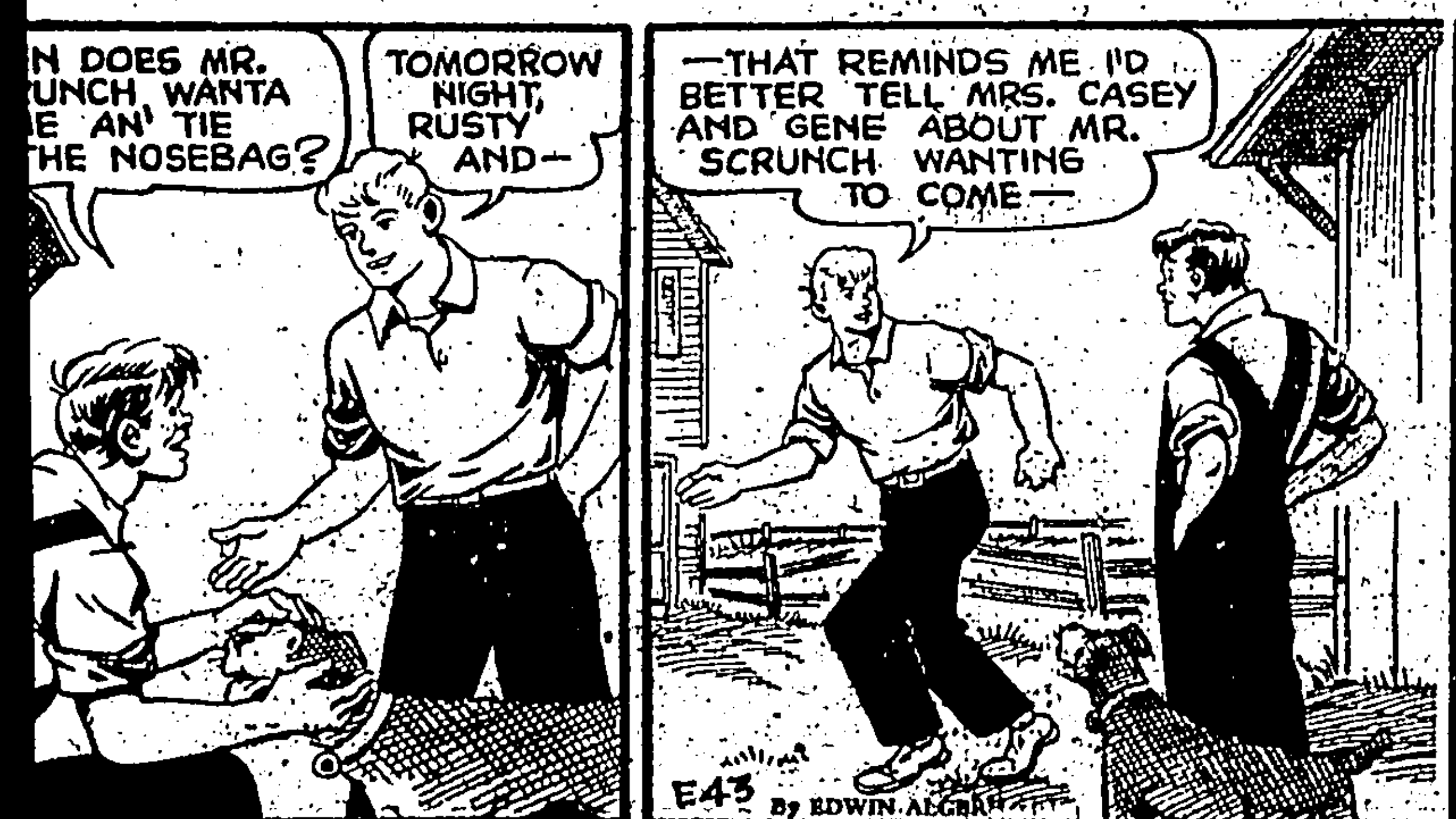
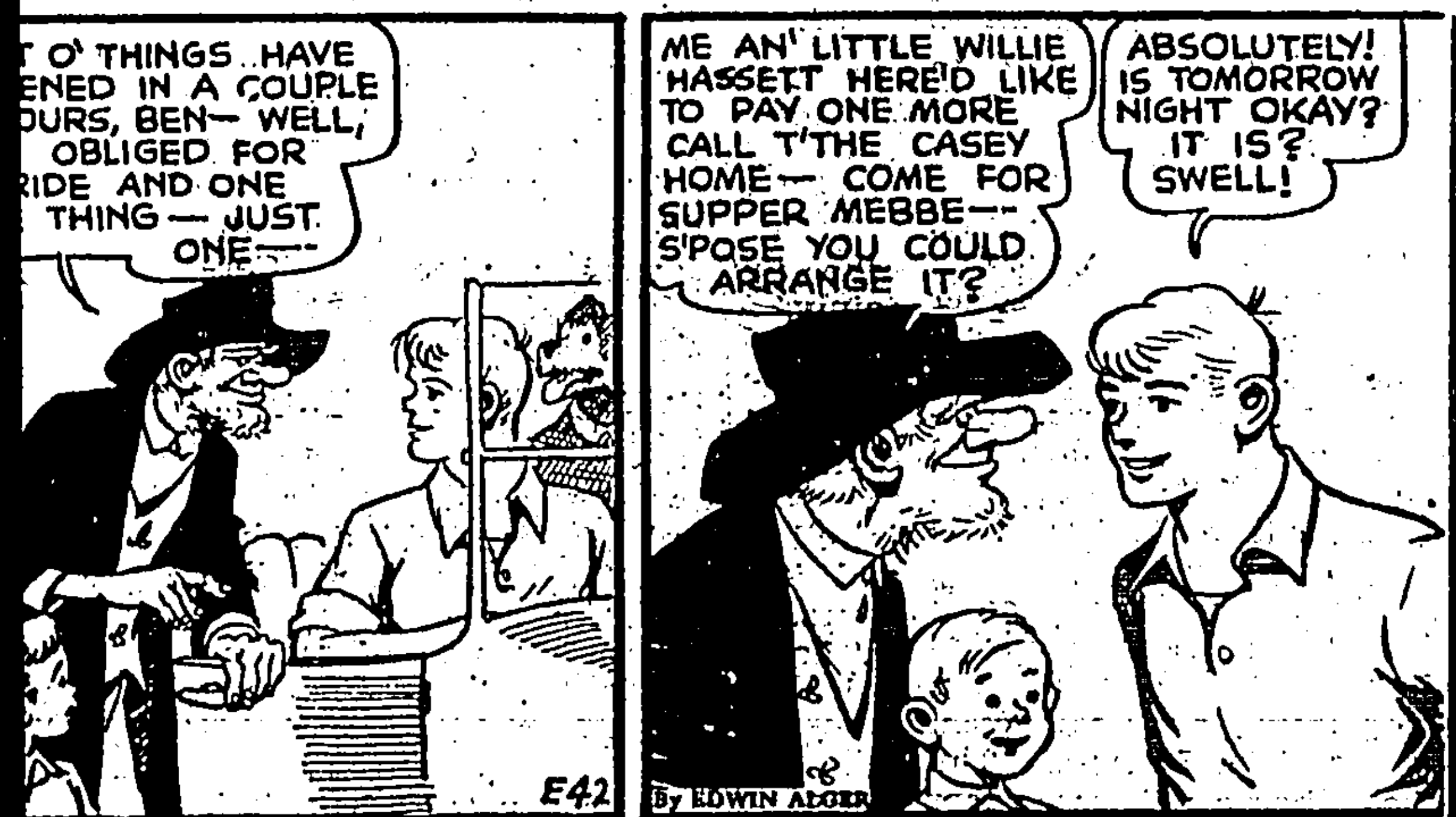
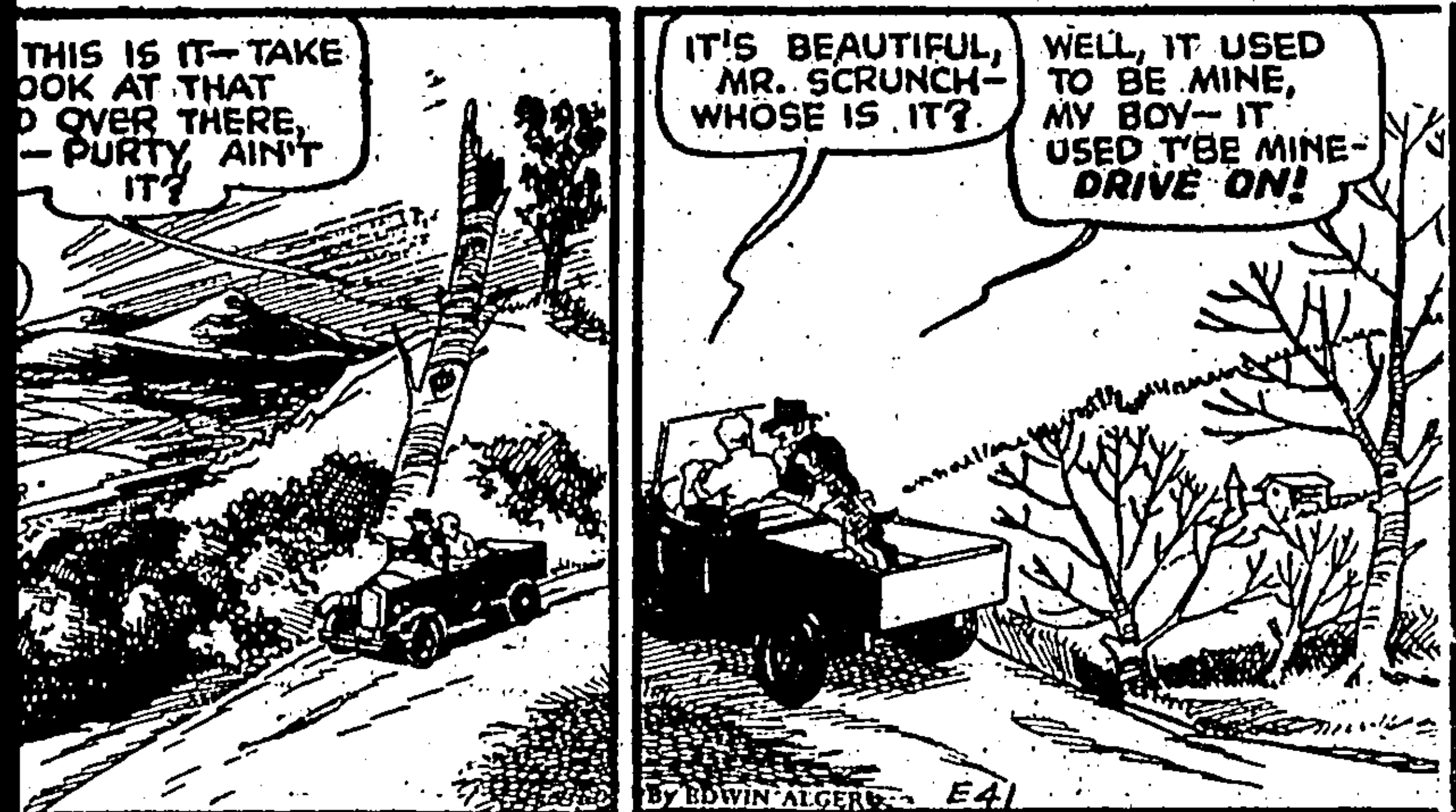
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SHORT STORY

NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

By Maboth Moseley

"Fire is the thing I dread most," said Count Rivoli, in excellent English. "In my opinion, death by drowning would be infinitely preferable to death by fire."

His audience was tense, each member gazing at him expectantly. It was Jennifer Brand, an attractive girl of twenty-two, with immense grey eyes and corn coloured hair, who broke the silence.

"Do go on, Count, and tell us why you're afraid of fire. Personally, I should prefer it any day to drowning."

He smiled pleasantly, but there was something in his manner which spoke of tragedy. It was betrayed in a certain reticence as his dark eyes rested on each in turn.

The women experienced a slight tremor, a nervous thrill down the spinal column. Even the prosaic Mrs. Brand, Jennifer's extremely matter of fact mother, confessed to herself that he was an irresistible young man, whose eyes had an almost hypnotic quality.

While Mrs. Chapman, who was fair, fat and fifty, with an income of ten thousand a year, clutched her matchless pearls with such a wealth of intensity that she nearly snapped the rope in half.

Only young Guy Evesham, whose features were homely but honest, was impervious to the hypnotic glance of the lustrous eyes.

The ill-assorted five, drawn together, as so often happens, by boredom, were killing time in the luxurious lounge of the Albergo Palazzo in Lugano. It was nearly the end of the season and most of the guests had departed.

For the last three days the Sirocco had been blowing, bringing with it torrential rains, fearsome thunder and lightning and whipping the waters of the lake into an angry, white-tipped, foaming sea.

According to Signor Riccioli, manager of the hotel, the storm would have spent itself by nightfall and all would be able to enjoy a well-earned night's rest. Already the clouds were lifting towards Porlezza, nearly twenty miles away at the other end of the lake.

The group of five, dominated by Count Rivoli, had gathered in the lounge to shiver and watch the progress of the storm, hoping desperately that it would clear and give the hot southern sun another opportunity of shining before they had to leave.

It was while they were gazing at the black, angry water of the lake, dominated by the wild, unfriendly mountains, that the conversation turned on the horrors of death by drowning. Mrs. Chapman, an habitue of every smart resort in Europe, had a repertoire of gruesome stories relating to each.

It was she who, in describing the death of a friend in these treacherous waters of Lugano, set the ball rolling. It was she who followed up Jennifer's invitation and implored the Count to explain the reason why he dreaded fire. Like many women of her age, Mrs. Chapman had a morbid interest in sudden death. Her snub inquisitive nose scented Tragedy, with a capital T, behind the Count's reticence.

"Now come along, Count," she admonished playfully, "don't be shy. We're all waiting."

As the Count still hesitated, a faint flicker of disapproval crossed the tanned face of Guy Evesham, but he maintained a sullen, boyish silence, which in no way perturbed the Count, who was thoughtfully tapping a cigarette on the back of his case. His intelligent brown eyes, surmounted by smooth black hair, his distinguished Roman nose and his rather pointed, faun-like ears, all indicated, thought Jennifer, centuries of breeding. His contempt for Italians, as distinct from Romans, was implicit in his manner and behaviour, although he was a good Fascist and an ardent supporter of the regime.

"Well," he began, as he lit the cigarette, "fire was responsible for the greatest, no, the only tragedy in my life." The women sat up in thrill-

ed anticipation. "It happened like this," he continued, "my wife and I were on our honeymoon. She was an impressionable, nervous young creature, a beautiful girl, dark, sensitive, with all the glamour of the South.

"We were staying in an English country house and I had gone with our host to inspect some Roman excavations forty miles north of London. On the way home — we were travelling by road — we were involved in an accident which delayed us for some hours. It was two in the morning when we started on our homeward journey.

"Now this was the first night since our marriage that my wife had been left alone. And she hated the night, or rather the darkness, as any of us would hate the devil. Always, even at home, she insisted on locking her bedroom door, no matter how one insisted that no harm could befall her.

"As we approached our destination, I had a sudden premonition. I told my host, who was driving the car, that I could smell burning, and he told me that I was dreaming. I persisted, however, and since by this time we were south of the river and running into Surrey he agreed reluctantly that possibly I could smell a heath fire. For the past few weeks, however, the weather had been typically English, and I demanded how soaking wet ground could catch fire unless steeped in petrol and deliberately set alight. He made no answer to that.

"By this time I was exceedingly worried, although I tried hard to reassure myself. After all, there was no particular reason why I should have this premonition. I am not what you call psychic, and if I have a vivid imagination I know how to control it. Yet it persisted. And as we went up the drive of my friend's house, I at least was not surprised at what we saw.

"A plume of smoke was rising above the trees at the far end of the drive. It was followed by a tongue of red flame.

"We hurried on and got out, to find everyone — everyone but my wife, that is — assembled on the terrace. The fire brigade had been called. But all I cared about was the fact that my wife was still in her room, caught like a rat in a trap.

"It transpired that after sounding the alarm, the butler went along to warn her. His cries evoked no response and he found it impossible to break open the door, which was of oak. Already the corridor was alight. If he'd waited another instant his retreat would have been cut off.

"So in a frenzy of despair I tied a wet handkerchief over my mouth and fought my way through the dense smoke into the hall, but already the stairs were on the point of collapsing. I staggered out again, calling wildly for a ladder, thinking, in my anguish, that I could scale the wall outside her window.

"At this moment the firemen arrived on their antiquated village engine, but their presence gave me no confidence. Just as something had warned me about the fire, so I knew now that my wife had gone for ever."

The Count paused on this dramatic note, gazing pensively out of the window. Mrs. Brand applied herself rather suddenly to her knitting, and Mrs. Chapman was so affected as to apply a handkerchief to her eyes.

"How ghastly," murmured Jennifer Brand.

Only Guy Evesham, who was clearly jealous of the Count, displayed no particular emotion as, maintaining his sullen silence, he lit a cigarette.

The Count transferred his contemplative gaze from the mountains to the flabby face of Mrs. Chapman. He sighed heavily. By a supreme effort of will he overcame his emotion. "Yes," he said slowly, "I knew I should never see her again. Her charred remains were found later."

"Oh, Count, how terrible for you!" Mrs. Chapman cried, "and on your honeymoon, too!" He gave a silent assent. "But what a dreadful thing," she went on, "to have to stand aside,

helpless, while the person you loved most . . . was burnt to . . . Oh!" Her exclamation startled Mrs. Brand, who dropped several stitches.

"Dreadful," she echoed lamely. The Count heaved another sigh. "Yes, it was very dreadful," he said, and turned away.

"I suppose," Jennifer murmured tentatively, "she'd been overcome by the smoke."

"That was the case." The Count transferred his melancholy gaze. "You see, my wife suffered from insomnia and, much against my will, was in the habit of taking sleeping draughts. I do not suppose for an instant that on the night of the fire she had taken an overdose, but I am convinced that if she had taken nothing she would have been alive to-day." He shrugged his shoulders. "Nevertheless, if she'd not had that curious kink about locking her door the butler would have got her out."

"What a tragedy," murmured Mrs. Chapman.

"A tragedy," sighed the Count, "the moral of which is: don't take sleeping draughts and never lock your door at night."

"I should think not," was her shuddering response.

"Good lord, no," agreed Jennifer. "After an experience like that I should think no one would want to do either."

Guy Evesham turned, from contemplation of the mountains. A thin ray of sunshine was forcing its way through the scudding clouds. The rain had stopped and the waters of the lake had achieved a certain calm.

"Yes," he said ungraciously, "I think drowning would be infinitely preferable." And then, turning to Jennifer, "Let's take the boat to Oria and have a look at the Villa Fogazzaro."

She made an impatient gesture, outraged by his lack of sympathy. "We shall only be caught in another storm and get drenched."

"No, it's clearing. Besides, I want a breath of fresh air." His expression indicated extreme disapproval of the room and all its occupants. "And I want to talk to you . . . alone."

Signor Riccioli's prophecy came true, and after three successive nights of storm during which it had been impossible to sleep, a great calm brooded over the lake Lugano. The guests of the Albergo Palazzo slept the sleep of the just.

Even Mrs. Chapman, whose impressionable mind had been much affected by the tale of the tragic Contessa, fell into a sound slumber the moment her shingle-capped head touched the pillow.

Her dreams were all of an inflammatory nature, and once she awoke in a sweat, imagining that the place was on fire and that she was trapped in her room. So vivid was the dream that she had to get out of bed; she reassured herself by trying the unlocked door of the adjoining sitting-room and peering into the deserted corridor.

The following morning the brilliant sun was shining in a clear blue sky. English and American tourists reappeared in gaily coloured dresses. Close cropped Swiss, wearing climbing boots and carrying steel-pointed sticks, hurried down to the landing stage. And the dining room of the Albergo Palazzo presented a cheerful appearance as those of the guests who were down dallied over their coffee and rolls.

But of the group which had assembled in the lounge the previous day, only three were present — Mrs. Brand, Jennifer and young Guy Evesham.

They were busy making plans for the day when Mrs. Chapman, somewhat carelessly dressed in a white linen suit, bore down upon them. She was followed by the gesticulating and wildly apologetic Signor Riccioli, who appeared to have mislaid his customary sangfroid, and was oblivious or so it seemed, to the curious glances cast in his direction.

"I insist, Signora," he spluttered, "You have made the greatest mis-

take! I will organise a search party . . ."

"Search party!" interrupted Mrs. Chapman, falling heavily into a chair. "Search party, indeed!"

"May I ask . . . ?" murmured Mrs. Brand politely.

"You may," she snapped. "Like a fool I left my door unlocked last night. The Count's story of the fire unnerved me. The thought of a locked door gave me claustrophobia. Well?" she made an expressive gesture, "my pearls have gone!"

"Your pearls?" ejaculated Mrs. Brand. "Oh, Mrs. Chapman, I am so sorry."

"Have a cup of coffee," interposed Guy Evesham.

"No, I couldn't touch a thing," Mrs. Chapman's amiable expression had given place to a wild-eyed glare. "If only I could lay hands on the thief! Those pearls were worth ten thousand pounds!"

At this moment Signor Riccioli was drawn aside by an obsequious waiter. When the man had finished he repeated in a dazed tone, "Count Rivoli is not in his room? He has gone without paying his bill? But can this be true?" He beat his fists upon the table in a grand gesture of despair.

"I think," Guy Evesham turned politely to Mrs. Chapman, "you may guess what's happened to your pearls. In fact, I imagine that the Count makes quite a good income out of that fire yarn."

"The Count? But — but — you mean he told it on purpose to make me leave my door unlocked? Why, he — you don't mean to say it wasn't true?"

"That's exactly what I do mean." "But — but —" angry and bewildered, she turned to Mrs. Brand, "didn't you believe him?"

With sudden complacency, the other put down her coffee cup. "Certainly, I believed him. He was very convincing."

"Then . . ."

"But," said Mrs. Brand sweetly, "it didn't matter one way or the other, so far as I was concerned, because my jewellery isn't of the slightest value, and it hadn't been advertised like yours."

"Are you accusing me of seeking vulgar notoriety?" Mrs. Chapman drew herself up in righteous indignation.

"No, I suppose you can't help it if the whole world knows about your fabulous pearls. The newspapers will print these things."

There was a moment of acute tension while Mrs. Chapman choked down her wrath and Signor Riccioli wrung his hands in despair. It was Guy Evesham who broke it, placing his hand in his pocket and withdrawing a rope of perfectly matched, shimmering pearls.

"Here are your pearls, Mrs. Chapman." He handed them over carelessly, as though they were cheap imitation baubles.

"Guy!" Jennifer's exclamation was wrung involuntarily from her. It expressed a whole gamut of emotions: surprise, shock, doubt and suspicion. He laughed. "It's all right. I didn't steal them."

"Then — but, Mr. Evesham!" Mrs. Chapman's fingers closed lovingly over her pearls, "I didn't understand at all!"

"Count Rivoli," explained Guy thoughtfully, "alias Diamond Jimmy, alias Harry the Rat, alias a hundred other names, is a notorious international jewel thief. I, as a member of the C.I.D., have been acting in conjunction with the Swiss police. We've had our eyes on him for some time. I knew what he was up to when he told that yarn yesterday, so I took the liberty, Mrs. Chapman, of placing an imitation rope of pearls in your jewel case and abstracting the real ones. Count Rivoli is such a master of disguise that I was taking no chances, although I'd warned the Italian frontier authorities that he would probably try to escape that way. In fact . . ." he broke off, as a waiter approached him discreet-

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WOMEN GO ON WORKING AS BOMBS EXPLODE

FRANCE CALLED ON TO MAKE SACRIFICE

Paris, To-day.

Figures showing how successfully France's financial problems were being met were given in a broadcast by M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister, yesterday.

At the same time, he added, "our evil is economic. France is producing less and consuming the same amount."

M. Reynaud emphasised the hardship almost all classes would suffer by rising prices and the danger of inflation that would result.

It was to fight this evil that the Government had passed the new decrees. Only one was financial — the convention with the Bank of France which enabled France to mobilise her reserve for payments abroad and at home.

The gold stock would be revalued but the value of the franc would remain unchanged.

All the other decrees were economic. Their essential object was to increase production and restrict consumption.

RATION CENSUS

M. Reynaud announced that in a few days a start would be made in taking a census for ration cards.

"Privation is essential in wartime. Every act of self-sacrifice is a shot fired at the enemy."

Speaking of the Franco-British financial agreement, M. Reynaud said this was the seed of the future organisation of Europe, and the field of its application ought to be extended.

In a stirring peroration, M. Reynaud declared: "We shall not lose the peace of the common victory of Britain and France as we did that of 1918." — Reuter.

"DANGEROUS SLOPE"

Havas quotes M. Reynaud as saying: "Nothing is worse than unjustified optimism. Financially we are holding on but economically we are sliding down a dangerous slope."

M. Reynaud added: "Up to now Germany has been waging an economic war and the German naval offensive is directed exclusively against the Allied supply sources."

"We must be able to meet the situation as long as necessary. Financially, the situation is good. Armaments bonds were promptly subscribed and the position of the franc on the New York free market is steady."

"In January, 1940, taxation yielded 300,000,000 francs more than in January, 1939. Danger, however, arises from economic difficulties, notably from the increase in prices."

GOLD STOCKS

"A situation which compels France to effect heavy purchases abroad and deplete her gold stock cannot continue."

Simultaneously prices are going up and the country is confronted with a mad whirl of increased salaries to meet the increased cost of living followed by a new rise in prices without any other limit than severe inflation and subsequent difficulties.

"The only remedy is to restrict consumption, increase production and accept rationing."

In a few days a census will be taken for the distribution to all Frenchmen of individual cards assuring an equitable supply of commodities to everyone.

WOMEN ON LAND

"We must also produce agricultural products. We have appealed to

From HILDE MARCHANT

The only British woman reporter in Finland

Tempere, February 7.

THERE ARE TWO SPIRALS of smoke rising from this, Finland's most important industrial town. One is the grey smoke of factories where men and women work side by side, keeping industry's heart beating; the other is black smoke rising from the smouldering remains of their homes.

For 1,024 bombs have dropped on this town. The last raid was a few days ago. It was like an aluminium roof over the housetops as thirty-two bombers sprayed more than 600 bombs on the wooden houses below.

Police Chief Suhonen showed me at his headquarters a map stuck with coloured pins marking where each bomb had dropped.

It was like a macabre sequin pattern over the face of the town.

I walked through these wrecked and smouldering streets, and it was like walking through a cut forest. The walls of houses had fallen in the road like dead branches, and the "roots" were marked by brick chimneys still standing high.

Only the chimneys marked the line of the street, like stumps of felled trees.

WORKERS' HOMES IN RUINS

The intimacy of these homes had been opened to the snow and ice.

Over it all was a solidified screen of ice, as if to hide the indecency of exposing the pleasant domestic life the wooden walls had hidden.

The ice was yellow, with black streaks. That was solid smoke. As the fire hoses had been played on the flames the water jet had caught the smoke and solidified its pattern as if to preserve the disaster until melting spring.

Street after street of these simple working homes were rugged ruins. The first bombs had hit the homes of textile workers.

The singed and burning wood was dissolved in the snow. Only iron had survived the burning.

There were bedsteads, a sewing machine, a man's and a woman's bicycle locked together in ice, a pair of kitchen scales, and a bucket. All in a bomb crater in an agony of twisted iron.

Yet strangely intimate things survive bombs. Hanging on a wall was a cabinet with a powder box, toothpaste, and shaving cream. Snow was shrouding them.

CAME BACK TO LIVE

In houses behind, people had patched up their broken windows and cracked walls and come back to live. They work at a factory near by.

Children were evacuated, but women stayed behind to look after their husbands and tattered homes.

I saw another wrecked street in the suburbs. One house, with cretonne curtains stiff as boards in the windows, must surely have been called "The Firs."

It was a typical Acaia-avenue. Wooden homes, bought on hire purchase, were now cracked open, and the whole avenue was preserved in one long glacier.

The front doorstep of the house led through an open door slamming in the wind.

Beyond was a hump-backed staircase with the front bedroom hanging over the banisters. Bed linen, curtains and rugs were draped in a stiff, icy cascade to the open earth.

BOMBING OF GRAVEYARD

There was a boot cupboard with polish and brushes; there was a child's cot with a Mickey Mouse patterned coverlet; there was a radio set with its valves and wire spilling on the floor.

But perhaps most ironic of all was the heavy bombing of the graveyard. Graves were opened, tombstones

women and volunteers for replacing mobilised land workers but if we get only an insufficient response we shall not hesitate to introduce compulsory civil service."

shattered, and the cemetery morgue wrecked.

In the tiny wrecked chapel was the figure of Christ with arms opened in supplication over ruined altar, bier and brick walls.

One wrecked tombstone was of Edward Kennedy, an Englishman born in 1885.

The local people had a general funeral throwing flowers into the bomb craters.

And around these petrified streets, preserved in a strange pattern by the firemen's ice, are factories pumping out supplies for the front line.

These have not stopped. The smoke rises from them as if in defiance to the smouldering ruins.

Factories Keep Going

I talked to a leading industrialist, who told me that workmen were now living two, and three families in one house. People who lost their home went to some one else's.

He kept his own house open for food and coffee for his own work-people.

"We are fighting at the back as well as at the front line," he said. "Not one of these factories has stopped. The soldiers are getting the material they need."

Last Sunday all factories worked overtime, giving their pay to the soldiers.

Overtime and Sunday work is given to the airplane fund, for the working people say it is better to have one fighter than spend a day in a bomb shelter.

In the midst of this frozen, ruined town I met one voice that was like music.

It was the Lancashire accent of William Cooke, from Bolton. He is a spinning overseer who has been out here for thirty years.

He now directs the weaving for bandages and uniforms for the Finnish Army. He took me around his factory, showing me great spinning sheds whose machinery came from Lancashire.

Said William Cooke: "It is grand to see these people work when bombs fall only a hundred yards away. They're one hundred per cent. strong in this war."

"Blooming bombs fall blooming near, but not a woman flinches."

Most labour now is provided by women. They have taken the place of called-up men.

Here in Finland William Cooke had created a frozen Bolton, but the spirit was the same.

"NOWT WILL SCARE THEM"

I watched the workers leave at 4 p.m. after an eight-hour shift, just as in Lancashire, though some went home on skis.

William Cooke said: "So long as one loom stands they'll work it. Same as in Bolton. Nowt will scare these folk."

"They're fighting in their weaving and spinning. They're keeping the back line going, and they're tough."

One thousand bombs on Finland's Bolton have braced the spirit of its people. They are not cowed.

A third of the workers have no

home to go to, but these people stand together. The horror of seeing their homes bombed and burned has brought them together.

The children are safe in evacuation villages, the men and women stay behind to work the mills. And this stronghold of Finland's industrial people is giving its overtime to guns.

NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

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ly.

"A telephone call, Sir. The Italian police, Sir."

"Ah." He smiled at three astounded women. "I was right you see, that's to tell me our friend the count has been arrested."

"Mr. Evesham!" Mrs. Chapman's exclamation was drowned by a cry of delight from Jennifer.

"Guy! You — a detective! My dear

"Yes," he smiled, "a detective."

"And what a clever one!" cried Mrs. Chapman. "Why, you're almost a thought reader."

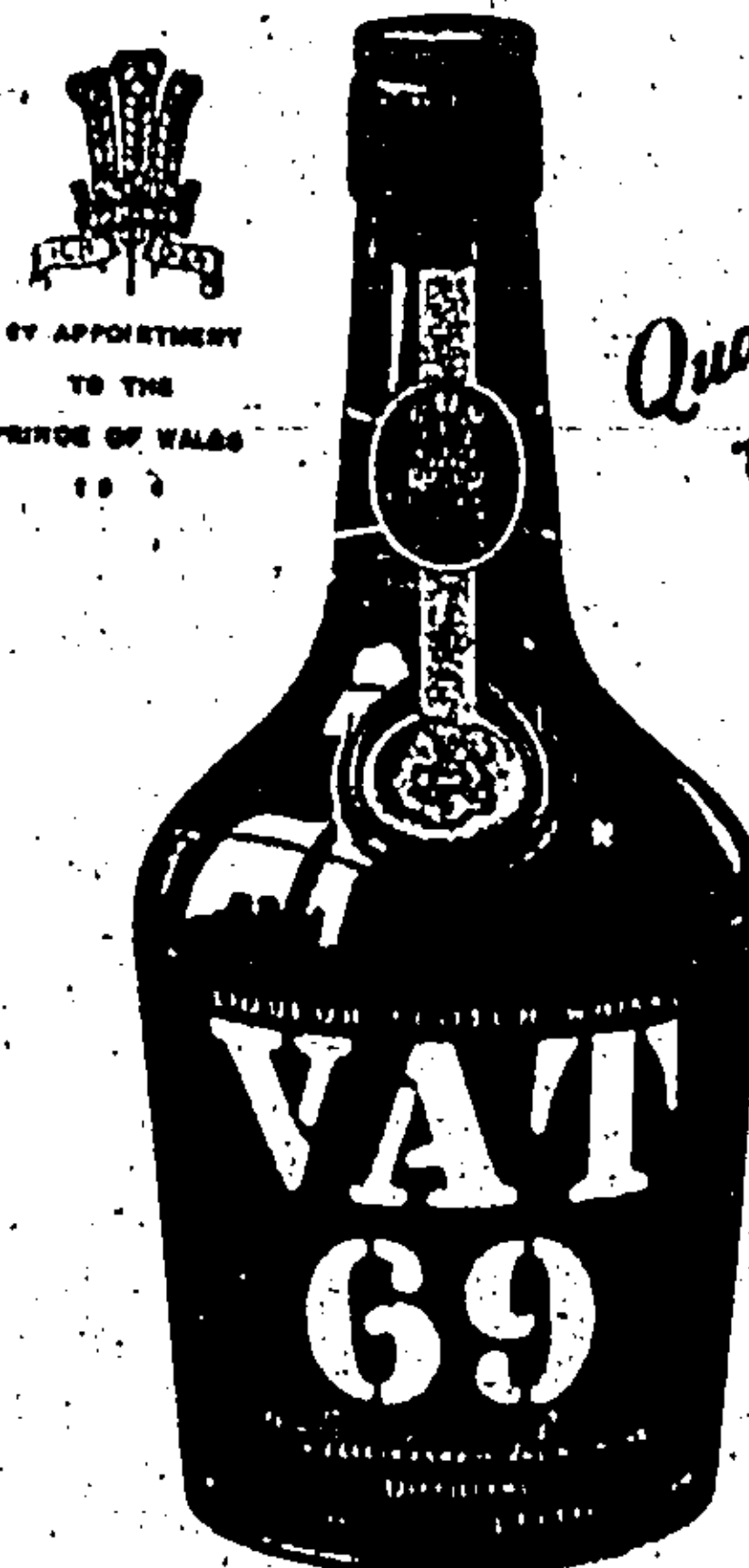
"Oh, I am," he replied seriously. "There's nothing I can't discover."

He turned to Jennifer, "And to give you a proof, I can say what Jennifer is thinking now."

The girl blushed. "What's that?"

"You're wondering whether or not to marry me." He smiled. "In fact, you've almost made up your mind to do so. To be married to a detective would be rather fun. Am I right?"

She laughed. "I'll give you my answer when you come back from the telephone"



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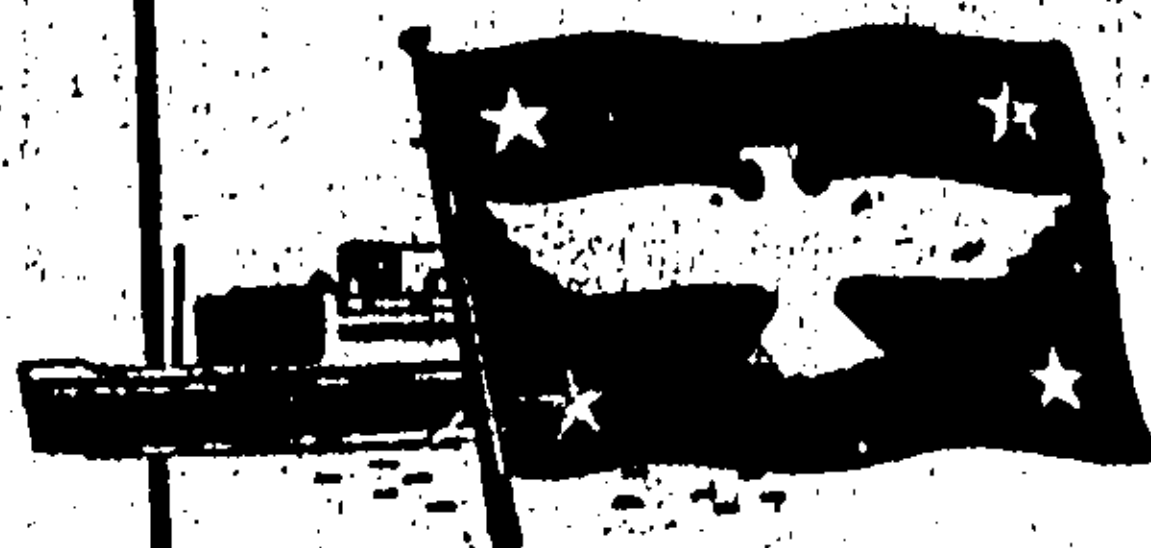
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Haiphong	March 2.
Manila	March 2.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	March 2.
Shanghai	March 2.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	March 2.
Egypt and Straits	March 2.
Shanghai	March 2.
Sandakan	March 2.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th February	March 3.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.)	March 3.
Shanghai and Amoy	March 3.
Bangkok and Saigon	March 3.
Calcutta and Straits	March 3.
Japan	March 3.
Manila	March 3.
Shanghai	March 3.
Shanghai and Amoy	March 4.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th Jan.)	March 4.
Haiphong	March 4.
Japan	March 5.
Straits and Saigon	March 5.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 25th Jan.)	March 5.
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and Europe via Marseilles—due	Reg.	Mar. 1, 3.30 p.m.
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Shanghai		Mar. 1, 7.00 p.m.
Manila		Mar. 1, 7.00 p.m.
Bangkok		Mar. 1, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Straits, Ceylon, India and London	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Mar. 1, 5.00 p.m.
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	Reg.	Mar. 2, 8.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 2, 10.00 a.m.
Haiphong		Mar. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Mar. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Mar. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Japan		Mar. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Mar. 2, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 2, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 2, 5.30 p.m.
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MONDAY		
Haiphong		Mar. 4, 1.00 p.m.
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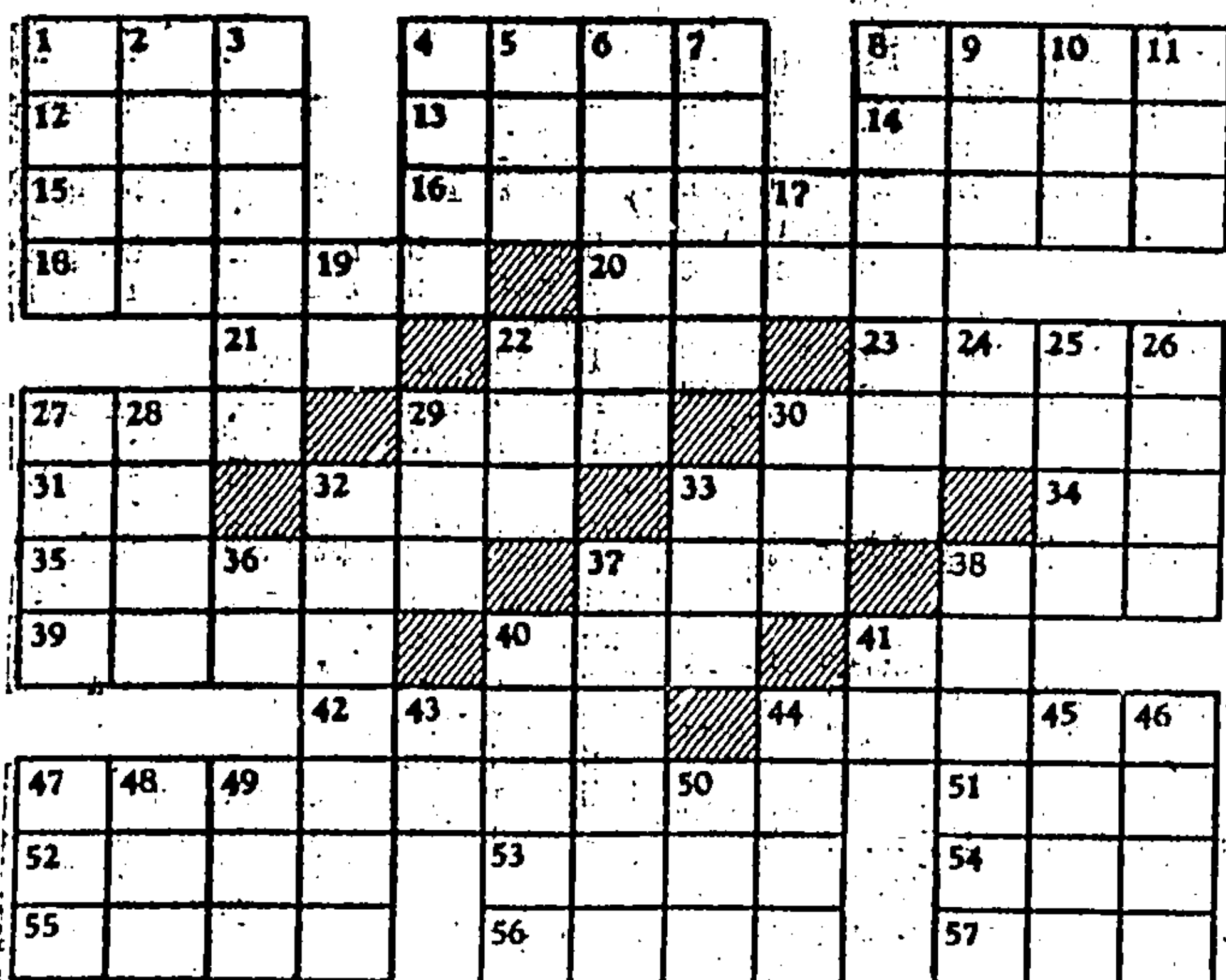
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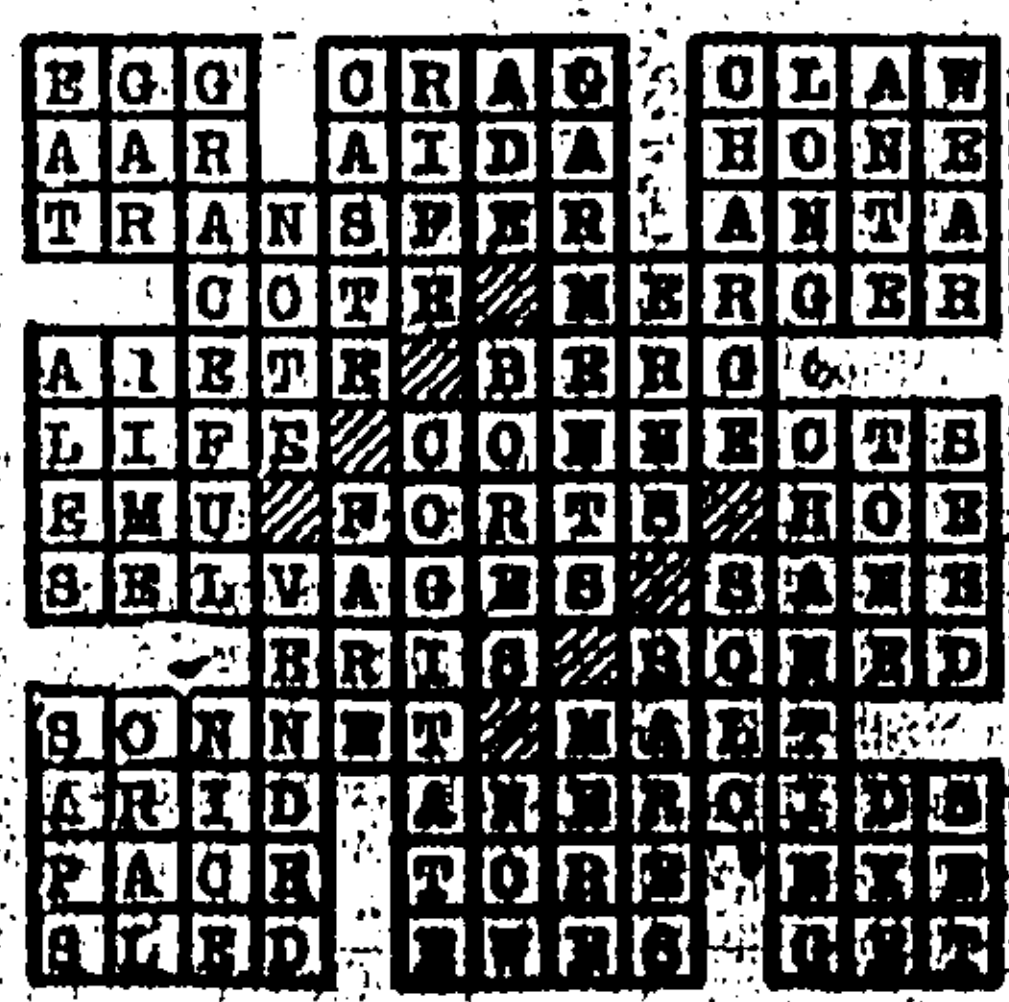
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Scotch hat
 - 4 Secure
 - 8 Evils
 - 12 Palm leaf (var.)
 - 13 Persian poet
 - 14 Worshipped image
 - 15 To disfigure
 - 16 To connect systematically
 - 18 Sharp
 - 20 Repast
 - 21 Japanese drama
 - 22 To dry
 - 23 Roman dates
 - 27 Fish eggs
 - 29 Iniquitous
 - 30 Watered silk
 - 31 Exists
 - 32 Hindu weight
 - 33 Offspring
 - 34 Article
 - 35 Peeled
 - 37 To make lace
 - 38 Worm
 - 39 God of love
 - 40 Prohibitionist
 - 41 Teutonic deity
 - 42 Hebrew women's garment

- 44 Unsuitable
- 47 Has influence
- 51 Centre
- 52 Artificial butter
- 53 Persian elf
- 54 Overmuch
- 55 Wolfhound
- 56 Goddess of discord
- 57 Cunning

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Sepulchre
 - 2 Wing-like
 - 3 Sea-dwelling
 - 4 Foot covering
 - 5 Latin: I love
 - 6 Cultivated
 - 7 Was mistaken
 - 8 Large number
 - 9 Girl's name
 - 10 Piece of ground

- 11 Beverage
- 17 Babylonian deity
- 19 Thus
- 22 Pitch
- 24 Roman gods
- 25 Periods of time
- 26 Japanese coins
- 27 Mature
- 28 Glacial ridges
- 29 Couch
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PRINCE CHICHIBU IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.
It is reliably learned that two important Japanese personages, Prince Chichibu, brother of the Emperor, and General Nishio, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in China, are at present visiting Canton.

The visit was frequently responsible for the imposition of martial law in the past few days.

During an inspection tour of South China, it is learned, Prince Chichibu visited Nanning by air.—Reuter.

KEROSENE FOR CANTON

That the Japanese are employing Hong Kong junks to transport kerosene from the Colony to Canton came to light this morning when four junk people were charged before Mr. E. Himsworth with failing to anchor at dangerous goods anchorage.

Sergeant Hughes said he boarded the four junks, lying at Cheungshanwan Bay, yesterday afternoon and found on board altogether 1,500 tins of kerosene.

"I was given to understand that the kerosene was to be delivered to the Japanese in Canton," concluded the Sergeant.

Fines ranging from \$20 to \$40 were imposed by Mr. Himsworth, who also made a confiscation order.

POLICE FIND CACHE OF HANDBAGS

Sentence of four months' hard labour and twelve strokes was imposed on Lo Chuen, 32, by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for snatching a handbag from Mrs. Li Kuk-chun yesterday.

Inspector A. Kirby said the incident occurred near the University. There had been a lot of snatching in the vicinity. Eighteen handbags were found in a hole on the hillside in Pokfulam Road.

LOCAL DOLLAR

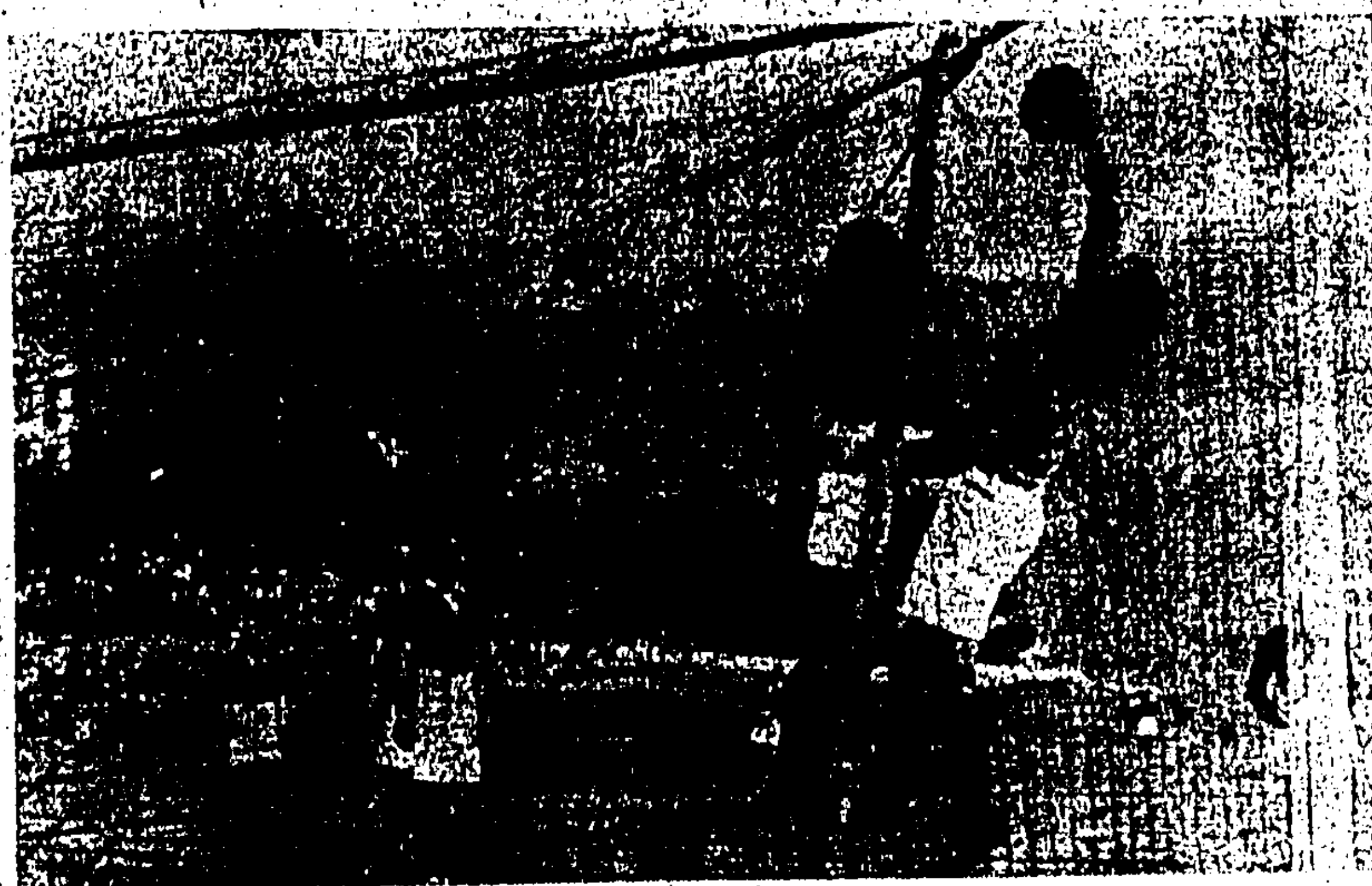
The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-1/2 spot and 20-1/2 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$392-3/4.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.
In a South "A" match yesterday, Norwich, at home, lost to Charlton Athletic by 1 goal to 3.—Reuter.



Duncan punching out a high ball during the shield game at Sookunpoo last Saturday between Eastern and Royal Scots.

GERMAN ARRESTED FOR MEAL WITH PRISONER

The Danish paper "National Tidende" reports from Germany that a German farmer who employed a Polish war prisoner has been arrested because he allowed the prisoner to eat at table with himself.

CLUB TENNIS DRAW

The following is the draw for the Hong Kong G.C. tennis championship:
Byes:—M. Pagh, W. M. Barton, Comdr. C. B. Nicholson, G. W. Sewell;
First Round:—

Dr. A. H. Barwell v. J. J. Ferguson;
R. C. Beavan v. J. C. Pool; E. Zulauf v. D. M. MacDougall; Capt. C. H. R. Hyde v. T. J. Gould; H. J. Armstrong v. G. C. Burnett; J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Biesel, Jpr.; S. M. Garrard v. T. A. Pearce; Lieut. J. S. Theobald v. V. R. Gordon.

Byes:—A. K. Mackenzie, T. C. Monaghan, Lieut. A. Lade and B. C. Fay.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD AT SOCCER

London, To-day.
Cambridge University yesterday beat Oxford by 3 goals to 2 in a return inter-Varsity Association Football match.

The Light Blues showed superior team work while Oxford had no constructive ability.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER OF FEBRUARY

The Director of the Royal Observatory reports:—

From the 1st to the 9th of February the weather was cold and mainly cloudy; some rain fell on the 1st and 2nd. During the remainder of the month the weather was sunnier than is usual in February, though there were occasional days with overcast skies and drizzle or light rain; temperature was variable, and there were several warm days due to temporary breaks in the N.E. monsoon. A fresh onset of northerly winds on the 29th, due to the development of an intense anticyclone over China, was accompanied by thunder and heavy rain. Fog was experienced occasionally during the month.

The mean temperature for February was 61.1 degrees F, which is 2.1 degrees above normal. A maximum of 75.5 degrees was recorded on the 13th, and a minimum of 42.7 degrees on the 3rd. The mean relative humidity was 79 per cent, which is normal.

The total sunshine was 132 hours, against a normal of 97 hours. Rainfall amounted to 1.24 inches, the greater part of which fell on the 29th. This total is 0.55 inches less than normal, and rainfall was deficient for the third successive month.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 47 m.p.h. at 4 a.m. on the 18th.

"Y" LADIES JUNIORS

Following will represent "Y" Ladies v St. Andrew's in the Brawn Cup on C.B.A. ground at 3.00 p.m. to-morrow:—
Miss Bruce; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Macklin and Mrs. Peters.

BRITISH SHIPPING COMPLAINS

London, To-day.

The Chamber of Shipping held its annual meeting in its own home, for the first time in its history of over 60 years, when it met yesterday in the new building in St. Mary Avenue.

The President, Mr. Leslie Mann, paid tribute to the retiring President, Mr. Robertson Bigg, for the masterly manner in which he led the industry during the strenuous first months of the war.

Sir Leighton Seagar declared that since the war began, losses suffered by shipping personnel were higher in percentage than those of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Lord Essendon proposed a resolution pledging the industry's co-operation in the prosecution of the war and urging the Government to take steps to enable shipowners to maintain and expand the industry.

Lord Essendon said that they must have power to replenish their fleets with new ships and pointed out that the controlled rate for British ships from the River Plate was 43s. per ton while the rate paid to neutrals by the British Government for the same service was 130s.

He said that these figures indicated the benefits which foreign shipowners were obtaining and the road is being created with which to beat British owners in the future. He urged that they should be allowed to make earnings sufficient to provide fully for replacements.

The resolution was carried.—Reuter.

Two further smallpox cases (both in Kowloon) were notified yesterday. There were also two diphtheria cases, one typhoid, two meningitis and 23 tuberculosis.

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NOTICE OF FINAL CALL OF \$2.50 PER SHARE ON 1939-ISSUE SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a final call of \$2.50 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1939 Issue allotted on 2nd February, 2nd March and 30th September, 1939, respectively, upon which only \$2.50 per share has been paid, and that the same will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on the 30th day of September, 1940.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1940.

H.K. FIRM'S PURCHASE

One of the leading native banks in Hong Kong has just paid upwards of \$1,000,000 Chinese national currency in order to have its own offices in the International Settlement of Shanghai.

Negotiations have just been concluded by Mr. Mok Ying Kie, one of the principals of Messrs. Rickett & Mok, whereby the bank has acquired a large building at the junction of Kiangse and Ningpo Roads, in the heart of Shanghai's banking district.

The area is 2.4 mow, which is more than 1/3rd of an acre. A part of the ground floor has been occupied by the National & Commercial Savings Bank, Ltd., of Hong Kong, for a number of years.

Mr. Rickett, the other principal of Messrs. Rickett & Mok, has been on active service in the R.N.V.R. since the outbreak of war.

PLOUGHING AT NIGHT

London, To-day.

In moving the second reading of the Bill making miscellaneous war provisions in connection with agriculture the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture mentioned in the Lords yesterday that during the last few days of fine weather ploughing had been going on right through the night by artificial light.

In this way ploughing had been continuous from 22 to 23 hours daily.

On Wednesday, addressing representatives of farmers, the Prime Minister made an appeal for a special effort so that the interruption of farm work necessitated by the adverse weather earlier in the year should not result in the campaign for ploughing grass falling short of the objective of two million acres set by the Government.

— British Wireless.

COMPARISON

Damascus, To-day.

The selfish and piratical attitude of Russia and Germany towards other nations is contrasted with the plans of the British Government to help its colonies by a leading Syrian newspaper.

While the Russians are attacking Finland to rob her of her wealth, the paper says, and Germany devours Poland and usurps her possessions, Britain bountifully pours her wealth into all parts of her Empire.

In so doing, Britain shows her understanding of real co-operation with her possessions.—Reuter.

AFTER SIX MONTHS OF WAR

STORY OF R.A.F. NOW-AND STRUGGLE OF THE FUTURE

London, To-day.

ON SUNDAY BRITAIN will have been at war with Germany for six months. The first few days even saw dramatic events on sea and in the air and it is in those two elements that in the intervening months the struggle has been mainly pursued.

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech on the Navy Estimates on Tuesday showed how successfully the Royal Navy has coped with the situation, the only surprises in which have been new illegalities practised by the enemy.

When the Air Minister comes to review the work of the R.A.F. in introducing the Air Estimates next week he will have no less creditable and no less encouraging a story to tell.

The activities of the German and British air forces have followed different lines. Increasingly the German air effort is directed against British and neutral shipping, with results which drew from Mr. Chamberlain the remark that such practices were "not war but murder."

The R.A.F., on the other hand, has maintained and established patrol work in the North Sea and reconnaissance activities directed against enemy naval and military objectives. British long distance reconnaissance flights into the German Reich have lately included Austria and Bohemia again.

LONG-TERM PLAN

As with the magnetic mine—now known to have been in secret preparation for years to attack Britain's lifeline—Germany's air attacks on shipping are apparently part of a long-term plan the essence of which seems to be to strike at Britain in a way in which Germany cannot well be struck back at in return and to refrain from measures that would invite immediate and overwhelming counter-attacks.

It is considered here that Lord Chatfield's recent assertion that Britain's air strength will be brought into play at the right instant may well have dispelled any German hope of success in such a plan.

The Allies' growing air ascendancy, backed by the great Dominion air training scheme, is bringing nearer the time when that declaration may be put to the proof.

AIR CASUALTIES

Well-informed commentators note that after the short period of comparative immunity from loss there has recently been a rise in casualties inflicted on raiding German aircraft. As new defensive measures become effective the loss factor suffered by

the Germans may be expected to increase.

It is interesting to note that an analysis of German aircraft known to have been shot down on raids on Britain shows that by far the largest proportion fell to the guns of R.A.F. fighters.

The majority came down in the sea off the British coasts—only four on British soil. Several are now definitely known to have fallen in neutral countries after an engagement with British air defences. It may safely be assumed that a proportion similarly damaged fell in German waters or crashed in enemy territory.

ADVANCE IN DESIGN

Experts here emphasise that the air war is being fought on the drawing boards and in the design shops no less than in the sky. In this respect the Allies have greater facilities for the manufacture and purchase of advanced types. Also, since Britain and France started serious air rearmament long after Germany's bombing fleets were already built, what they lacked in numbers at the outbreak of war they gained in modernity of design.

But design marches on. Already the crack fighters and bombers in service on both sides are rendered obsolescent by newer types on the stocks.

Details of new British types may not be disclosed but it is no secret that the demand for still higher speeds, greater fire power and increased range have been most successfully met in both defence and counter offensive aircraft.

NAZI PROBLEM

It is true that Germany, faced with the growing obsolescence of thousands of aircraft which so far have been used only as threats, is making strenuous efforts to keep abreast of design. The new Heinkels are said to be fitted with new type Daimler-Benz motors of a total output of 4550 h.p. giving a top speed of 350 m.p.h.

But it is confidently stated by British experts that just as the Vickers Spitfires and the Hawker Hurricanes have mastered the existing Heinkels and Dorniers, British designers will have an answer to any new German types.

Thus the second six months of war are likely to prove even more favourable to the Allies in the air than the six now ending.—British Wireless.

AFRICAN MARKETING IN BRITISH ISLES

London, To-day.

Two delegations from Kenya and Tanganyika Territory are now in London for the purpose of discussing certain problems relating to the marketing of East African agricultural products.

The delegation from Kenya, which also represents certain Uganda interests, arrived in England late last night. The other delegation, from Tanganyika Territory, arrived a few days ago.—British Wireless.

NOTICE

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1939, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 28th February, 1940, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th February, 1940.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.

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His Excellency the General Officer Commanding British Troops in China shaking hands with Sheehan, captain of the Army football team, before the final of the Kotawall Cup last Saturday.

RACING CARNIVAL OF RECORDS AND THRILLS

Satinlight's Dramatic Derby Triumph

MOLLER FAMILY JUST FAIL IN ATTEMPT AT COMPLETE SWEEP

(By "RAPIER")

THE 1940 RACING CARNIVAL will go down in the annals of local racing as being outstanding for one feature, and that was the exceptionally high standard of racing which prevailed throughout the five days of the meeting. In this respect the new China ponies, Griffins of this season, and the new lot of Australian ponies were most prominent, and, assisted by the dry state of the track, it was not surprising that one record after another was lowered.

However, I feel sure that not many followers of the turf were prepared for the easy manner in which new records were created, and for the new times to be bettered at future meetings it will require animals of much superior quality, which I rather doubt as far as China ponies are concerned.

On the whole, it has been a most successful meeting, one which will long be remembered for the many thrilling finishes which spectators had the pleasure of witnessing, while it will be a long time before another Derby is contested in such dramatic manner as the 1940 classic. The owners of Satinlight and Burford, winner and runner-up respectively, deserve congratulations on having secured such outstanding ponies.

In reviewing activities in connection with the Annual Meeting just completed, I do not propose to deal with each race, but to touch on only the highlights. In the first place, I think it will be admitted that the crowd which turned out on Derby day must have constituted a record, and on the last day there was a veritable invasion by kiddies, though I gather that this may be the last occasion on which they will be allowed admission due to the grave danger of injury by ponies being led in and in the crowds that throng the cash sweep and parimutuel booths.

The first three days of racing was favoured by ideal weather conditions, but it was not so on the fourth day—Champions Day—when light rain fell throughout the afternoon, causing a good deal of inconvenience and, incidentally, some upsets. Last Saturday was really a fine day for racing, although it was inclined to be somewhat warm.

Mr. Eric Moller Leading Owner

Competing with only five ponies, Mr. Eric Moller Sr. heads the list of most successful owners with seven firsts, one second and two thirds. He had the satisfaction of winning the Blue Riband with Satinlight, repeating his previous success in 1938, when Silkylight gave him his first Hong Kong Derby triumph.

The Lan stable came second, with four winners, two seconds and one third. Mr. Li Lan Sang is indeed fortunate to be the owner of Far View, the outstanding Australian pony, which alone produced three wins. Mr. L. Dunbar takes third place, followed by Quartermaster, owner of Burford, Lucky, Mrs. Taggart, Eve and Marber J.

Mr. "Boojle" Moller Leading Jockey

With his father taking pride of place amongst the owners, it was only natural that Mr. R. B. "Boojle" Moller should head the list of most successful jockeys. His record is

indeed unique. In nine outings, he won seven times, was second once and third once. Mr. Donald Black comes next with six winners, five seconds and six thirds. The others in order of merit are: Messrs. H. C. Pih, H. J. A. Hearne, P. Y. T. Wei, L. B. Chao, C. Encarnacao, V. V. Needa, G. P. Gram, S. C. Liang and F. Marshall.

Burford, Champion Of Champions

By virtue of its win in the Champions, Burford must be regarded as being the best pony among this year's lot of China ponies, and although it was defeated by Satinlight in the Derby, I am inclined to the view that it is a slightly superior animal. However, it must be remembered that the considerably cooler conditions for racing on Champions Day were very different from the day on which the Derby was run. On both occasions it was jockeyship that won the race.

In races confined to the new China ponies, the Clre stable achieved outstanding successes. Spiclight won the Maiden Stakes in effortless manner, lowering the record for six furlongs by one second. Rose Elect did the time last year in 1-23 4/5, but Spiclight clocked 1-22-4/5. This record was later smashed by Mount Hope Bay in the Grand Stand Stakes, the new time and record being 1-21 2/5.

Meeting with practically no opposition, Satinlight won the Trial Plate, and then Racylight, another Moller candidate, won the Lusitano Cup, breaking the record for the distance from the 1 1/2-mile post. The time returned was 1-04 3/5, thus removing the name of Desert Chief from the records.

Most Thrilling Derby In Years

Interest in this race was at fever pitch when the ponies were led out to take part in what later developed into a titanic struggle between Satinlight and Burford. Anticipations of a thrilling finish were fully justified, and spectators were held spellbound when these two ponies battled neck and neck down the home straight.

On the rise of the barrier, Spiclight (ridden by Mr. Judah) shot forward, followed by Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Hearne). Then came Satinlight (Mr. R. B. Moller), with Burford just behind. The first two ponies set a rattling fast pace, and the positions were unchanged when passing the winning post for the first time. Before going up the incline, however, Mr. Moller sent Satinlight forward to assume command, but Mr. Pih was not to be deceived and, with a little urge, Burford was soon alongside of Satinlight.

After passing the Rock, the battle really started, with Satinlight having



the advantage of being on the rails, and, in my opinion, this was responsible for its ultimate victory, as Satinlight gained a slight lead on the bend into the home straight. Coming down the home stretch both jockeys applied the whip, and, amidst tremendous excitement, these two ponies gave of their best in a really epic struggle.

Just when it was seen that Burford was about to overhaul Satinlight, the latter responded most gamely to its rider's call, and try as Mr. Pih did he could not get any more out of Burford and had to admit defeat, although by only half a length. Ponies and riders were thoroughly exhausted, and all were very warmly cheered on being led in. The time returned for this distance was 2-50 4/5, lowering Rose Elect's record by no less than 4 3/5 secs.—a truly remarkable achievement.

On the following day, Burford, in order to qualify for the Champions, won the Racing Stakes in the record time of 1-51 2/5, bettering Confusion Bay's time by 2 3/5 secs.

Mount Hope Bay won the Grand Stand Stakes, and in the Hopeful Stakes, over 1 1/4 miles, Racylight (Mr. Moller) and Grether (Mr. Gram) provided another thrilling finish. Just when it seemed as if Racylight was going to win, Grether shot its head forward and snatched a dead-heat.

Burford Wins The Champions

With the light falling fast on Wednesday afternoon, the track appeared somewhat damp when Confusion Bay (Mr. Black), Burford (Mr. Pih) and Satinlight (Mr. Moller) went out to face the starter in the Champion Stakes. On the rise of the barrier Mr. Moller sent his mount forward to take the lead, probably hoping that by hugging the rails he was going to repeat his strategy in the Derby. This time he found that Mr. Pih had learned a lesson, and, after passing the football stands, Mr. Pih urged Burford on, and without any effort the pony snatched the lead from Satinlight. Coming into the straight, Burford was still leading, and this time it was up to Mr. Moller to make the challenge. But his effort was of no avail, as Burford was running far too strongly, and it went on to win in the record time of 2-20 1/5, beating Silkylight's record by 1 1/5 secs.

Mount Hope Bay failed to come up to expectations, but Crigavad is a pony to be reckoned with at future meetings. After coming in third in the Derby, this pony won the Griffins Spring Handicap, carrying 168 lbs. in the remarkably fast time of 1-52 4/5, which is very near the record for the mile distance.

Far View Best Of New Australians

Judged by its track work prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting, Far View (owned by the Lan Stable) was expected to come out on top as being the best among this year's lot of Australian ponies. This estimation was fully justified, as Far View won the triple crown. Its win in the third section of the Sydney Maidens was achieved with practically no effort, and the record for the six furlongs distance, previously held by Courting Eye, was equalled. Far View's time was 1-16 2/5, which

could have been improved on had it been seriously challenged. It then went on to win the Rooty-Hill Derby, again in record time, beating Gypsy Love's record of 2-43 3/5 by 1 4/5 secs. This race was contested at a rattling fast pace, and the finish was fought out between Far View and Sapper, the latter ridden by Mr. Encarnacao. There was, however, no doubt that Far View was the better pony, and it proved itself so when it carried off the Australian Ponies Champions last Saturday. The time returned was only 1/5 sec. behind Strathroy's record.

In the first section of the Sydney Maidens, there was quite an interesting duel between Australian Diamond (Mr. Tao) and Melody Star (Mr. Proulx). The latter got a flying start, and at one time it was leading by many lengths, but by dint of hard riding Mr. Tao just managed to get his mount in front on passing the winning post. The second section of this race was won by Sapper, which had the better of Contact after a late challenge.

Contact, ridden by Mr. Davis, made no mistake about winning the first section of the Perth Plate, beating Ascot Day, but the second section of this event provided a thrilling finish, in which Amicus Curiae (Mr. Gram) and Lucky Lady (Mr. Hearne) were involved. The latter would probably have won had not Mr. Hearne had his face cut by kite string lying across the track. The result was a dead-heat.

Another great finish was seen in the Albury Stakes, in which Flying Dutchman and Sparrow provided another dead-heat. Melody Star found no difficulty in carrying off the second section, and then in the Blue Mountains Plate, ridden by Mr. Needa, snatched a great win from Vanity Fair.

Old China Ponies

On the first day, in the very first race, Mr. Moller riding Navylight in the Challenge Cup provided an upset. Navylight proved itself more powerful, and its win, by beating Confusion Bay, was instrumental in this cup being won outright by the Clre stable. However, in the Poochow Cup, Confusion Bay reversed the result.

In the Amoy Handicap, over six furlongs, Mr. Marshall rode a grand race to win on Eve of Heaven, beating Humdrum Eve and Lilliber, the latter boring out at the critical stage of the race.

National Pride provided Mr. H. M. Botelho with a nice win in the first section of the Poochow Handicap, as a result of which he graduated from the novice class. This win also paid a three-figure dividend.

Old Australian Ponies

Since acquired by Mrs. Taggart, Lancashire Chips has invariably done well, and in the Bendigo Handicap, over six furlongs, this pony gave its lady owner a most convincing victory.

Baffin Bay won the Coral Handicap (1 1/4 miles), but in the Melbourne Cup, over the same distance, it had to admit defeat at the hands of Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa). It then surprised everyone by holding Far View to a short head in the Australian Ponies Champions.

In the Canbelego Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies, Murrumbidgee, ridden by Mr. Black, sprung a neat little surprise, beating A Roaring Time after taking the lead before rounding the bend and winning as it liked.

For the first time the Ladies' Purse was contested by Australian ponies and after a great finish the race resulted in Ajax (Mr. S. C. Liang) winning unexpectedly by a short head from Happy Landings.

After several disappointments, Courting Eye evidently relished running on a muddy track, and on the fourth day it won the Adelaide Handicap over the mile, beating Chiltern and Tornado Star.

Old Subscription Griffins

Strathbannock (Mr. Black) scored a great win in the Currach Handicap, only just beating Guinness Time (Mr. Wei). Guinness Time, however, retallied by winning the Royal Navy Cup, but on this occasion Strathbannock was carrying 171 lbs. Musketeer (Mr. Liang) romped home to win the Garrison Cup, beating Celtic Star and Rose Evelyn. In the Cheltenham Handicap for "D" Class ponies, this time (Mr. Wei) scored a surprise win by beating Night View.

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MACAO RACE MEETING

(By "RAPIER")

The March meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held at the Areia Preta Race Course, Macao, on Sunday, when an entertaining programme of six events will be contested.

The Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s S.S. "Taishan" will leave Hong Kong at 9.00 a.m. and racegoers will return on S.S. "Kinshan", which leaves Macao at 3.00 a.m. Monday, as S.S. "Taishan" is returning from the Portuguese Colony at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

RACE NO. 1. THE PLEASANT QUARTERS HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

The opening race of the day is confined to China ponies, Subscription ponies of Macao Jockey Club of any season with a proviso that subs. of Hong Kong Jockey Club are barred.

Shanghai 4, winner of the Szechuen Handicap (First Section) over five furlongs at the January meeting, has been penalised 20 lbs., but if it starts here it will probably carry off the race in spite of the heavy burden of 160 lbs. The real danger will come from Merry Maker, winner of the second section of the above handicap, which has been allotted 135 lbs. a difference of 25 lbs. in weight. Then there is Hogmanay to be reckoned with as this pony ran third to Shanghai 4 in the above-mentioned race when carrying the same weight. It has 25 lbs. advantage in weight on Sunday. My nomination is Shanghai 4 to win with Merry Maker second and Hogmanay third.

RACE NO. 2. THE REPUBLICAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONCE ROUND.

The entries for this race come from the first section of "E" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club, and it appears to me that Lucky Eleven, which came in second to Palmer in the Wuhu Handicap last Saturday at the Valley, stands about the best chance of winning. The only pony capable of giving it a good fight is Heddon, winner of the Chinghai Handicap (First Section) at Macao's last meeting. Rose Day, winner of the second section, is also likely to be in the running for honours in view of its light weight of 145 lbs. However, Lucky Eleven should win with Heddon second and Rose Day third.

RACE NO. 3. THE REPUBLICAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONCE ROUND.

This race is confined to second section of "E" Class, China ponies and, judging from the entries, I don't think we need look further than Persian Cat, which ran second to Rose Day in the second section of the Chinghai Handicap at the last meeting, to score its first win. King's Envoy, winner of the Shatin Handicap (Second Section) at Fanling's last meeting, should be very near if again taken out by Mr. Ip Kuei-ying. Cloudy Star must not be neglected as this pony won the Kansu Handicap over six furlongs when ridden by a novice jockey last meeting and paid the highest dividend of the day.

Persian Cat should win, with King's Envoy second and Cloudy Star third.

RACE NO. 4. THE DEMOCRATIC HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS.

China ponies classified "D" Class by Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race. Phoenix won the Chefoo Handicap (Second Section) on the third day of the Annual Meeting and, in view of that performance alone, it should walk away with the race, but Talkative and Fei Ying are also fast over short distances.

RACE NO. 5. THE VICTORY HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

This is the main event of the day, and the special \$1.00 Cash Sweep will be decided on it. I expect to see the following start: Fairy Auk, Fairy Ousel, Gold Clause, Hohenfels, Rotheras Bay and Victory Life. Fairy Auk is the pony to follow in this race as it came in second to Shanghai 4 in the Szechuen Handicap at the last meeting and with Shanghai 4 starting in the first race, it should win. Only pony capable of extending it is Victory Life, which, although not having done anything of note as yet, is coming along quite nicely in training. A good struggle for third position should take place between Fairy Ousel and Gold Clause.

RACE NO. 6. THE KUO HUA HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS.

This race will wind up the day's programme, and will be contested by China ponies, Subscription Griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club purchased in Hong Kong by members of Macao Jockey Club during 1938-9. At the last meeting Iron Knight came in second to Cloudy Star over six furlongs and as the distance is shorter on Sunday, and with Cloudy Star competing in the third race, it will probably win, but there is Eagle to be taken into consideration. This pony has been running indifferently at its last outings, but if it strikes some of its old form it will probably give Iron Knight a good fight for the first position. National Triumph should have no difficulty in collecting third place money.

ARMY ATHLETICS

The Army athletic meeting will be held on the Polo ground, Boundary Street, on April 23, 24 and 25. The alternative dates are April 29, 30 and May 1.

On Tuesday, March 12 at 3.30 p.m., the Army Cross Country Championship will take place, the start and finish being on the Polo ground. The alternative date for this event is March 14.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

AS I predicted in my last week's notes, the friendly five-game Ten Pin match between the Champs and the Alley Team turned out to be one of the best matches ever played in these Alleys. This match was played on February 22, too late for me to comment up in my last notes.

The Champs won by 111 pins only, the individual scores being:—

THE CHAMPS	ALLEY TEAM
Dick Venezia.....920	J. H. Watts.....804
Doc Molthen.....850	J. R. Fawcett.....839
Ernie Hearther.....817	H. Blount.....794
Chas Miller.....805	J. S. Landolt.....784
3392	3281

The scoring was better than is usual in a match of this character there being no fewer than seven scores of 200 and over, the Champs bagging four and the Alley Team three.

Fawcett registered the highest with 221, Dick Venezia was next with 215, Chas Miller following with 209, and J. S. Landolt fourth with 208. Doc Molthen and J. H. Watts each registered exactly 200.

Highest score for the five games was made by Dick Venezia, with 920 or an average of 184 pins per game; this was followed by J. H. Watts with 804 or an average of 173, and Doc Molthen with 170.

This is good bowling and was a pleasure to witness. The average pins per game each player, being as follows:—

THE CHAMPS	ALLEY TEAM
Dick Venezia.....184	J. H. Watts.....173
Doc Molthen.....170	J. R. Fawcett.....168
Ernie Hearther.....164	H. Blount.....159
Chas Miller.....161	J. S. Landolt.....157

Actually the Champs' average for the whole game worked out at 169 per player, and for the Alley Team 164 per game per player.

The Champs' total score of 3392 on this occasion is not their best effort for a five game match, for on July 20 last year, while playing against U.S.S. Gold Star they registered 3491, Ernie Hearther notching 327 and Doc Molthen 301.

The Alley Team registered easily their second-best score for a five-game match in these Alleys for on February 2, while playing against U.S.S. Mindanao, they bagged 3342 pins, each player recording over 800 each for the five games.

NAVAL INTEREST

It is surprising not to say gratifying to follow the progress of our British Naval friends, whether Australian or from the Old Country. It must be borne in mind that very few indeed have ever seen Indoor Bowling previously to anchoring at this Colony.

They not only become keen and interested in the game, but many of them have proved to be adepts at it.

I have in mind one of our Naval Boys, P. Bowditch, Able Seaman, who did remarkably well on February 24, his effort being 220, made up as follows:—four strike in a row, a spare an eight on his sixth frame, then 3 spares in a row. This was a good effort and Bowditch now becomes a member of the 200's Club.

There are many of the British Navy who are progressing from day to day, and I expect in the near future to be able to comment on their progress in this column.

Our old friend J. R. Fawcett of the Engineers put up a good score on Tuesday, his effort being 232 made up as follows:—starting with a spare, then two strikes, to get only seven on his fourth frame and nine on his fifth frame, then two strikes, a spare, and then striking out; a good effort but not his best, for a October 1938, he bagged 264.

I see that we have another member of the Royal Signals who is gradually coming to the front in Indoor Bowling, viz. L/Cpl. Hall. For instance, on Wednesday he put up two really good scores, a 231 and a 227. His 231 was made up with five strikes in a row a nine on his sixth frame, a strike, a spare, two strikes, and a nine with his last ball. His 227 was as follows:—starting off with a nine on his first game, a strike, spare, five strikes in a row, a spare, strike, spare; two really good efforts, I expect that this player's name will be in the limelight before long.

SECOND SINGLES HANDICAP

With regard to the second Singles Handicap, entries for which are invited and a list for this purpose posted in the Alleys, it is the intention of the organisers to handicap those who played in the first competition according to their scores in that competition. New entrants are requested to submit scores of 20 games to the Manager of Bowling Alleys, score cards being provided for this purpose in the Alleys. This will enable a fair handicap to be arrived at.

The Management would like to get the second Competition under weigh at an early date, and request players to enter as early as possible.

What a pity that U.S.S. Edsall had such a short day in Hong Kong. She is almost new to this Colony, only having been here once before since the Alleys have been open. There are quite a few fair bowlers on this ship, and I would like to have seen them matched against one of our local teams. An occasion will be taken on their next visit to arrange a match.

WELL-KNOWN NAVY FOOTBALLERS IN ACTION

AMONG THOSE WHO made the supreme sacrifice when H.M.S. Daring and Duchess went down were three footballers who played here for Royal Navy last season.

Webster, Bellis and Spiller are the men and all played regularly for Navy when available.

Webster, it will be recalled, played in the pivotal position after Dixon, the Interport pivot, left the Colony, while Bellis was a half back of no mean standard.

Spiller was seen for the greater part of last season on the right wing but also played in the inside position.

RACING

(Continued from Page 22)

Pih), and, ridden by Mr. Liang, Phoenix carried off the second section of the Chefoo Handicap.

In the race for the Governor's Cup, over one mile, the finish was most disappointing. Challenged only by Rose Evelyn, and making an appearance for the first time, King Kong (Mr. Chao) virtually walked home to win handsomely.

The meeting itself was devoid of any serious accidents. Mr. Tang received a nasty kick on the leg when he was unseated by Finalist, a new Australian pony, which prevented him from taking further part in the meeting. Then Mr. G. P. Gram came down on Alfber, another new Australian pony, and on this occasion the pony suffered serious injury and had to be destroyed. Riding Catterick Bridge, Mr. Needa had the misfortune to be thrown, the pony jumping over the rails, but, beyond a shaking, the rider was unhurt.

In conclusion, I would like to pay a tribute to the officials, responsible for the very efficient organisation.

ARMY XV FOR TO-MORROW

The following have been selected to represent the Army v The Navy on Saturday on the Club Ground, at 3.00 p.m.

Gunnr. Easterbrook (5th A.A.R.A.); L/Sgt. Marsh (6th H.R.A.); L/Bdr. Giblin (5th A.A.R.A.); Sappir, Jones T. (R.E.) and L/Bdr. Richards (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Coombe (Capt.) (R.A.M.C.) and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Bomdr. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.); Corpl. Sutherland (R.S.); Gunnr. Clark (5th A.A.R.A.); Lieut. Millar (R.S.); Lieut. Ford (R.S.); Pte. Mohan (R.A.M.C.); Sergt. Blackman (R.E.) and Corpl. Sheldrake (R.E.).

INDOOR BOWLING

U.S.S. Mindanao beat the Alley Teams by 88 pins at the bowling alleys yesterday.

U.S.S. MINDANAO

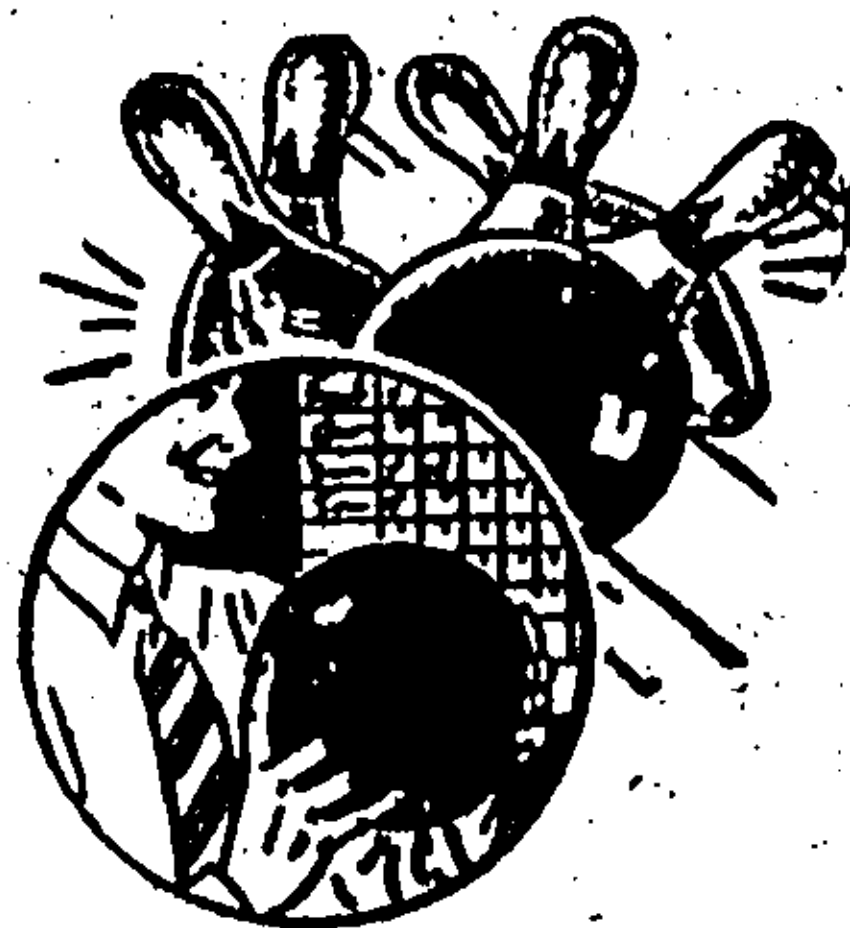
D. M. Keplinger	182	151	177	181	179	870
F. P. Hollis	181	170	147	113	169	789
J. R. Todd	148	145	146	172	138	749
J. C. Thomas	123	139	130	163	140	695

Total 3,100

ALLEY TEAM

J. H. Watts	163	184	165	153	164	831
J. S. Landolt	158	133	180	169	133	771
G. Somerville	117	120	121	135	144	637
J. R. Fawcett	149	181	148	163	661	
A. Devonshire	112	—	—	—	—	112

Total 3,012



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Though every effort is now being made to finish the soccer season by the end of April there are still a number of postponed games to be played and, unless matches are played on Wednesdays, there seems little likelihood of the season finishing before May 15.

The Second Division has now been completed and the first game for the play-off for the championship will take place this week between South China and Engineers.

University have forfeited their remaining postponed games.

Kumaons did very well to beat South China in the Third Division last week and this defeat has thrown South China out of the running for the championship. 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, just beat Medicals while Service Corps are now playing on top form.

It seems that the finish of this divi-

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The start of the paper-hunt to be held tomorrow will be from a point on the Sha Tau Kok Road, about 400 yards past the Kwantl Race Course.

Riders of privately owned ponies are requested to make arrangements to send their ponies to this point, which will be indicated by a flag and where the Club ponies will be gathered.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

sion will be very exciting and it is probable that the game between 24th Battery and Service Corps this week will decide the issue.

Volunteer camp interfered with Saint Joseph's team who were only able to field seven regular players against Club on Saturday. Several Gunners at camp were not able to obtain leave at the last moment and were unable to notify the secretary to this effect.

An enjoyable friendly game was played, however, in which Saints were assisted by several players from International Club. The game was a two-all draw and not a win for Club as reported.

After the explanation offered by Saints, Club were not prepared to press for the points.

For practically the rest of the season each week-end will be featured by a Final of one of the competitions and during Easter week the football public will have League games on Saturday, the Macao Interport on Sunday and the Final of the Sunday

Herald Charity Cup competition on Easter Monday!

It would be interesting to know if Army will be able to give a better performance against the Chinese than they did against South China in the Kotewall Cup competition last Sunday.

There are a number of good Army players in Junior Division who should be able to hold their own in better company.

The proposed soccer game in aid of the funds of Hong Kong Referees' Association, between Rest of Colony and Chinese Federation, has been cancelled as the Football Association were not able to grant permission for the game owing to the congested state of the fixtures and the many calls already made on the Chinese players, coupled with the impending finals of several competitions.

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday at Hotel Cecil when

Mr. H. S. Stokes will give a short talk on the "Football League."

In order to raise funds for their new Club house, the Football Referees' Association are holding a whist drive and a dance on alternate Fridays at Hotel Cecil. The first function will be a whist drive on March 8.

The annual charity football game in aid of Naval Charities between Royal Navy and Royal Marines will be played on Saturday on the Navy ground at 4.30 p.m.

ARMY CRICKET XI

The following will represent the Army in their fixture with Craigengower at Sookun-poo on Saturday:—Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major A. V. Petri, Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. J. D. Holmes, Capt. P. J. T. Skidwith, Lieut. C. M. M. Man, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Denyer, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Young and Spr. Ratcliffe.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent the Volunteers at Cricket against Craigengower Cricket Club on Sunday at Happy Valley commencing at 11.30 a.m.

R. M. King (Capt.), L. C. Baker, D. G. Day, E. C. Fincher, W. S. Gegg, R. H. Griffiths, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, T. M. Sulter, A. Zimmern and A. N. Other.

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Thrilling Opening To Local Badminton Tourney

Chiu Forced All The Way In Beating S.C. Chung

H. EARDLEY NOT EXTENDED BY HO

(By "ADREM")

CONSIDERING THE EARLY stage of the tournament, a very high standard resulted from the first fixtures in the Colony badminton championships, held at King's College and Taikoo last night.

As anticipated keenest game in the senior programme was between H. F. Chiu and S. C. Chung, while Henry Eardley, former Shanghai champion, made a most promising debut in the local tournament with a convincing with over W. T. Ho.

Other match saw K. L. Yong, holder with P. K. Hui of the doubles title, advance to the next round with the greatest of ease, his opponent H. M. Lau being not nearly accurate enough for tournament play.

EARLY THRILLS

Curtain-raiser was between Chiu and Chung and served to what the appetites of the handful of spectators for the fare to come.

It was a game of fluctuating fortunes and at one stage it appeared any odds on the eventual loser emerging at the right end of long score.

In the first game, Chiu settled down far more quickly than his opponent and clearing well and showing vast superiority at the short game was never in any difficulty.

In the second game Chung realised the hopelessness of trying to beat Chiu by all-court play, owing to the latter's better stroke equipment, and he concentrated on clearing everything deep to the backhand.

Result was a complete change in the aspect of the game. Chiu was kept pinned to the baseline and, unable to bring in those beautifully disguised drops with which he had scored most of his points hitherto, lost the game 9-15.

Returning for the final game brimful of confidence, Chung went away to a quick lead, taking the first six aces without reply. It then appeared to me that he became too confident and, departing from his former tactics, indulged in a couple of fancy drop-shots. Winning the service Chiu showed all his experience; playing coolly and making the best of his opportunities with an opponent rapidly becoming rattled, he gradually drew up to level at 11-all.

STALEMATE!

Then ensued the most thrilling badminton of the evening. Neither player would concede an inch and service changed hands at least half a dozen times without score. Chiu then went ahead to lead 13-11 and 14-11 and all appeared to be over.

There was lots of fight left in Chung, however. Probably in sheer desperation he brought off some of his most spectacular shots, saved numerous match points but eventually went down by 13-15 in one of the most interesting games the championships are likely to produce.

Chung did not have the best of luck and was most unfortunate to hit the various obstructions which abounded the court at several vital periods.

THE EARDLEY PROBLEM

Henry Eardley was not extended by Ho and it is as yet difficult to assess

BADMINTON NOTES

CHINESE "Y" IN VERY SOUND POSITION

(By "ADREM")

ONLY BADMINTON worthy of note over the past week has been the success of Chinese Y.M.C.A. in two matches, against Recreio on Saturday, and University "B" on Monday.

Both these games were won with something to spare and the "Y" are now in the happy position of having only one game left to play, with maximum points from their other seven.

As, however, the final match is against University "A," holders of the championship, they cannot consider themselves out of the wood just yet. University have already been beaten once, by Chinese "Y," and have still three games to play, one of them against the present leaders.

Notwithstanding their 6-3 defeat on their first meeting, I have a feeling that University will turn the tables when they entertain "Y" at the University. At Bridges Street, the conditions were too much for the visitors and their defeat was not as surprising as on the surface it might appear to be.

LITTLE ON WHICH TO COMMENT

There is really little that can be said about "Y's" games against Recreio and University "B." On neither occasion were they extended and consequently they were able to take matters fairly easily—so easily in fact that C. Au and H. Koh dropped their first two games of the season, against the former team, through over-confidence.

A. M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira, who are definitely playing better as a combination than Oliveira and Remedios, the former partnership which operated for about five years, proved themselves to be one of the leading pairs in the Colony by virtue of successes in two games and it will be interesting to see how they fare in their first doubles championship series.

As in the Recreio match, only one University "B" pair were able to give "Y" much opposition. They were S. L. Yong and T. T. Chiu, who beat H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, and Patrick Wong and F. Koh.

Evidently demoralised to a certain extent by their two defeats against Recreio, Au and H. Koh were again on the losing side in one game, going down to C. K. Cheah and K. B. Low.

his capabilities. Features of his game last night were his smacking and effortless clearing on the backhand but, while his short game is fairly adequate, it appeared to me that he might run into difficulty against a well-equipped player who concentrated on a short attack against him. That, however, remains to be seen.

The following were the results:—

SENIOR

H. Eardley beat W. T. Ho 15-5, 15-3.
K. L. Yong beat H. M. Lau 15-8, 15-5.
H. F. Chew beat S. C. Chung 15-6, 9-15, 15-13.

JUNIOR

N. L. Smith beat P. Lo 15-4, 15-2.
L. Lui beat A. Ho 15-4, 15-6.
W. Gillies beat J. L. Anderson 15-19, 11-19, 15-2.

VITAL MATCH ON MONDAY

The "China Mail" is informed that the vital Senior League badminton match between Chinese "Y" and University "A" will be played at University on Monday.

A win for "Y" will give them the championship, whereas a University success will probably necessitate a play-off.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

To-night's Mixed Doubles Badminton matches:—
St. John's v Recreio "B"
K.C.C. v University

Recreio "B":—N. Beltrac and Miss B. Remedios; H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier; C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho.

St. John's:—Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok; H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley; N. L. Smith and Mrs. W. Penney.

K.C.C.:—P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss B. Parsons; A. L. Fisher and Miss M. Stokes; T. Kevan and Mrs. Eymard.

University:—P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo; P. S. Bun and Miss J. Hung; K. L. Young and Miss Ulian Khoo.

FANLING STARTING TIMES

The following Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanling are announced:

TO-MORROW

Old Course

2.04 p.m. P. C. Jackson, R. J. K. Walker.
2.12 " A. B. Purves, N. K. Littlejohn.

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m. G. G. Aitkenhead, R. C. Cairdner.

9.20 " A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

9.24 " S. H. Dodwell, A. B. Purves.

9.28 " A. Pollard, W/Cdr. Steele Perkins.

9.32 " F. Groves, F. D. Hunter.

9.36 " K. S. Robertson, F. A. Redmond.

9.40 " T. E. Pearce, C. B. Black.

9.44 " A. H. Penn, A. C. I. Bowker.

9.48 " A. B. Stafford, G. Thomerson.

9.52 " G. C. Worrall, S. L. Lloyd.

9.56 " A. L. Potter, E. L. Groome.

10.00 " A. V. Greaves, W. G. Robertson.

10.04 " W. W. C. Shewan, A. McKellar.

10.08 " J. W. Clague, H. H. Mundy.

10.12 " A. D. S. Murray, P. E. Annis.

10.16 " Comdr. Hole, R. Young.

10.20 " J. C. C. and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.

10.24 " H. C. Margrett, J. B. Harrison.

10.28 " P. Morrison, M. G. Carruthers.

10.32 " H. F. Phillips, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.

10.36 " J. M. Pearson, M. Pollock.

10.40 " H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

10.44 " A. Nicol, E. C. Norris.

10.48 " C. M. Stark, W. H. E. Heath.

10.52 " H. Evelie, M. Gardan.

10.56 " N. C. MacLeod, G. M. Hargreaves.

11.00 " E. T. McMullen, P. S. Delaney.

11.04 " D. Humphreys, G. T. Harrington.

11.08 " Major Temple, Capt. Reidy.

11.12 " A. G. James, E. W. J. Wedlock.

11.16 " J. W. MacLeod, L. Jackson.

New Course

9.24 a.m. J. W. Mayhew, Mrs. Smalley.

9.32 " L. R. Andrewes, T. Megarry.

9.40 " H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.

9.48 " B. D. Evans, A. Mabb.

10.00 " Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Robertson.

10.08 " D. H. Clark, R. C. Stewart.

10.32 " Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

10.36 " Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Norris.

10.44 " Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.

10.48 " F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.

10.52 " Mrs. Winter, Miss Macdonald.

11.12 " Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

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PLUCKY DISPLAY BY CHAN AND LEE

(By "ADREM")

"B" Division provided nothing of real note, the two matches played being one-sided affairs with little at stake. St. John's, as was to be expected, were able to play at half speed and still beat Kowloon Cricket Club for the loss of one game, while St. Andrew's avenged their first-round defeat at the hands of Kowloon Tong, by winning by the same margin, one game being conceded.

Only K.C.C. pair to offer any opposition to the potential champions were J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher, who surprised R. Beavan and H. Eardley in the first game of the evening to beat them by 21-17.

Another notable K.C.C. performance was that of Archie Zimmerman and J. Jones, who thoroughly extended the powerful Norman Smith-Wilson combination to lose by 20-23 after "settling."

The devastating form of Bill Gillies and A. E. Brown was the highlight of the Kowloon Tong-St. Andrew's game. I have never seen this pair in such fine touch. Gillies, who is rather inconsistent, and is capable of dreadfully bad, as well as equally outstanding performances, was brilliant. His speed about the court and hard-hitting, combined with Brown's placements and recovering, set an insoluble problem for the Kowloon Tong players, who appeared quite bewildered.

VETERANS NOW!

Ernie Fincher and Henry Kew, although still formidable enough, are definitely getting on to the veteran stage. Fincher rarely, if ever, used his erstwhile unreturnable smash, and Kew has lost the crisp accuracy of most of his strokes although, with their wealth of experience, this pair are still very hard to beat.

The trouble with the Guest-Bliss team, so far as I could make out, was the penchant of Guest for wandering. He appeared to play to no fixed rule and wandered up and down the court with complete abandon much to the consternation of Bliss, who often had the "bird" taken right off his waiting racket.

The visiting team provided little worthy of comment apart from the sporting efforts of the veterans M. S. Lee and D. Chan. Brought in at the last moment, after an afternoon's tennis, they tried very hard in two games and showed a very fair idea of what it was all about, but were so exhausted that they decided to concede their final game—the match by that time having been decided.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Tchaikowsky's Fifth Symphony

To-day's Wireless

Welsh Programme: Dance Music

6.00 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia In C Major, Op. 17.
Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
6.30 p.m.—Beethoven—Eleven Viennese Dances.
Felix Weingartner conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—Songs from Verdi's Operas.
7.00 p.m.—Programme of Welsh Songs.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64.
New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
8.48 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father C. Byrne, S. J. 3: A Bore Interrupts Me.
8.58 p.m.—The Royal Command Concert, 1939.

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The Cloud-Cap't Towers (Stevens); Massed Chorus cond. by Sir Hugh Allen.
Y Bore Glas—Welsh Folk Song; Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus.
Twankydllo—English Folk Song; Robert Easton and English Chorus.
England (Parry) . . . Mary Jarred & Massed Chorus.
Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem—Final verse . . . Massed Chorus.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay — "World Affairs."
9.45 p.m.—Rhondda Welsh Glee Singers and Evan Williams (Tenor).
The March of the Men of Harlech (Old Welsh Air) . . . Rhondda Welsh Glee Singers with Piano.
Adieu To Dear Cambria—Old Welsh Song—Mentra Gwen—Old Welsh

Song . . . Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Y Delyn Aur; Gipsy Laug Chorus (Bell) . . . Rhondda Welsh Glee Singers with Piano.
Praise of Wales (Geirionydd Wwlyd); The Gipsy (Crv William Edwards (Tenor) Harp accomp.
10.07 p.m.—Variety & Dance programme with Max Miller Others.
11.0 p.m.—Close down.

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There is something about bidding a suit that has previously been bid by the opponents that has a psychological effect. They feel hurt or insulted that an opponent has had the temerity to bid their suit, and a double naturally follows. This happened in to-day's hand when Samuel Fry, Jr., bid his opponents' heart suit. Mr. Fry might have rescued in spades, but he preferred to gamble on making two hearts doubled.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q J 2
♥ J
♦ J 9 8 7 4 3
♣ A Q 5

♠ 10 4
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ K J 10 2

♠ A 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 6 2
♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ K 9 8 6 3
♥ A 10 7 6 5 2
♦ —
♣ 7 4

Mr. Fry

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
Dbl.	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds. Mr. Fry trumped and led a spade, which was won by East's Ace. The diamond return was again trumped and Mr. Fry then played two more rounds of spades. West trumped the last spade and played a third diamond. Mr. Fry trumped once more, then played a club, missing dummy's Queen. Next the club Ace was cashed and a Inc.)

club ruffed, and then another spade led.

At this point West trumped in with the Queen and returned a trump. But Mr. Fry then made two more trump tricks to make his doubled contract with an overtrick.

Needless to say, West was not strong enough to double two hearts. While he might have bid two notrump, his best bid was one which occurs to so few players—pass.

Yesterday, with both sides vulnerable, you were Merwin Maler's partner and held:

♠ K J 8 x x x
♥ A x
♦ A x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maler	Schenken	You
1NT	Pass	2NT	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is pass. A bid of three spades on your broken suit will almost surely be doubled and severely penalized. Furthermore, a heart or diamond opening offers some defensive possibilities. Score 100% for pass, 50% for three spades, 0 for double.

QUESTION NO. 347

Howard Schenken is your partner. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K x x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x
♣ K x x

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

CRICKET comes into its own this month when the Large units and Small Units knock-out competitions. Following is the draw for the Large Units competition:

Middlesex v C. S. Units March 10
R.A. v R.E. March 12

Middlesex are a team to be reckoned with, but on form their opponents should win this game. Mainstays of Middlesex are Lt. Peal, Lt. Mann and Pte. Hatfield, all of whom play regularly for Army. Combined Small Units, however, are composed entirely of Army players and on paper look a very formidable team. Names were submitted to the Signals, who were selected to choose the team, and of those submitted I understand the final selection to be: Major Swyer (R.A.M.C.), Major Harvey (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Webb (R.A.M.C.), S/Sgt. Gardener (R.A.O.C.), S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.), Cpl. Boocock (R.A.O.C.), Capt. Lawrence (R.A.S.C.), L/Cpl. Logan (R.A.S.C.), L/Cpl. Young (R.A.S.C.), Cpl. Blount (R. Signals) and L/Cpl. Murphy (R. Signals).

According to the averages the stars are Sgt. Webb, who is second in the Senior League averages; Major Swyer, top of the Junior League, and L/Cpl. Young, who heads the bowling averages in the Senior League. Murphy and Blount, Gardener and Emberson can all bowl, while there does not appear to be a "tail" to the batting.

Likely Final

The draw for the Small Units competition has also been made and re-

sulted as follows:—

"B" Coy Middlesex Bye.
40 Coy R.E. v R.A.S.C.
H.K.S.C. v R.A.M.C.
R.A. Lymuen v R.A.O.C.

This should result in a final betw 40th R.E. and R.A.M.C., although cricket anything may happen.

Curran Fit Again

THE Small Units Rugby League lagged during the past week, revived with a game to-day betw 24th Bty. R.A. and R.A.M.C. The time they met Medicals just got by 3 points to nil and, as mentioned previously, it would not surprise to see the result reversed this. R.A.M.C. will field the following: Pte. Morgan, Pte. MacDonald, Whyre, Pte. Pratt, Capt. Scriven, Coombes, Pte. Sinclair, Cpl. Milne, Chandler, Pte. Wigglesworth, Funnell, Cpl. Edge, Pte. Mohan, M Curran and Pte. Minney.

Major Curran had to retire about 10 minutes in the game ag the Signals owing to a leg injury. is quite fit again. Attention will focussed on Pte. Pratt, who is p ing in his first game.

I presume the Gunners will turn their usual team unless they too been hit by injuries and departure. R.A.S.C. are having a lot of trouble fielding a team but are struggling along gamely. They had to forfeit points to Signals last week owing inability to play-off their fix. They play 24th Bty. R. A. on Saturday. so R. A. will have a busy week-



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsal, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2761	La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsal, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2740.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 8,000	\$32	\$4,000
			As per sale plan						



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Inland Lot No. 5742	King's Road, South West of Inland Lot No. 2338.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,500	\$4	\$5,250
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Rural Building Lot No. 434	Tyram Bay, Island Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 16,500	\$190	\$4,125
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4	Rural Building Lot No. 435	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 434, Island Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 16,500	\$190	\$3,200
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STERLING AREA FOR ALLY TRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued by the Bank of France states:—To facilitate payments connected with Franco-British commercial exchanges new regulations are being enforced as regards imports from most territories belonging to the "Sterling area."

"Special licences will not be required for financing these imports and the necessary exchange will be provided upon mere application accompanied by documents certifying the origin of the imported goods."

"Moreover trade credits in France may be granted to residents in the 'Sterling area' financing their purchases in the French Empire."

"These regulations are applicable at present to France, Algeria, the French Colonies and the African territories under French mandate. Extension to other parts of the French Empire is contemplated."—Havas.

"THE COSSACK" GETS THE SACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The vote for the expulsion of the veteran Communist Senator, Marcel Cachin, was unanimous, only two Senators abstaining.

M. Cachin was one of the oldest Communist leaders, and some 20 years ago was given the rank of honorary colonel in the Red Army, since when he has been known in the French

WANG KEH MIN'S PLANS

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

WANG KEH-MIN, HEAD OF THE PEIPING "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT," WILL SHORTLY LEAVE FOR JAPAN, WHERE HE PLANS TO MAKE A LONG STAY, SAYS THE "SIN WAN PAO."

The newspaper adds he will not participate in the new Wang Ching-wei "government."

Wang Keh-min's resignation as head of the "provisional government" has not been accepted by the East Asia Development Bureau of the Tokyo Government, the report concludes.—Reuter.

DOCTORS FOR CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

Over 30 Chinese doctors left recently in two groups, one for Kihwa (Chekiang) and the other for Yunnanfu, en route Kwelyang, Luichow, Chengtu and Chungking to serve in hospitals for the wounded, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao".

The doctors responded to the recent appeal by the Ministry of Health in the Chinese Government for medical workers, the report states.—Reuter.

OMINOUS QUIET ON PETSAMO FRONT

Petsamo, To-day.

There is an ominous "quiet" prevailing on the Far North Front.

Russians taken prisoner state that an immense army is being secretly massed at Murmansk in preparation for a big push southwards.—Reuter.

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Moscow, To-day.

An official communique states that Soviet troops successfully continued developing the offensive on the Karakum Isthmus and occupied the Viborg-Valkjaervi railway line and Pero (East Viborg).

The communique also claims the capture of the town of Ylasainio and summer cottages on the east coast of Viborg Bay, two kilometres south of Viborg.

On February 28 and 29, Soviet troops captured 270 enemy fortifications.

There are no important changes on other sectors of the front.—Reuter.

Montevideo, To-day.

Reliable quarters state that the reports of an imminent naval engagement in South Atlantic waters based upon speculation arising from British warship movements are without foundation.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Large-scale fighting is expected to break out shortly following the arrival of large forces of Chinese troops in Heilungkiang and Kirin Provinces (Manchuria) and the influx of more troops via Inner Mongolia, says the "National Herald." Skirmishes with the Japanese are already occurring daily in these areas, the report adds.—Reuter.

Jewellery and money to the value of over \$1,000 were stolen from the Warders' Quarters, Stanley Prison, between 6 p.m. yesterday and early this morning.

The victim was Warder F. N. Hill, whose quarters were entered through an open window. Two watches, valued at \$500, a string of pearls, valued at \$400, and a sum of \$130 were taken by the burglar.

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